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1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right.

2 The time is 1:02 p.m. We are on the
3 record. Will the court reporter please
4 administer the oath to the witness.

5 ... RICHARD J. FANELLI, Ph.D.,
6 having been duly sworn as a witness, was
7 examined and testified as follows:

8 MR. SNAPP: Could I just make a
9 statement for the record and confirm
10 that everyone in the room and on the
11 phone agrees to be bound by the MDL
12 confidentiality protective order or the
13 confidentiality protective order in the
14 applicable state actions. If that is
15 not the case, please speak up now. No
16 one spoke up, so please proceed. Thank
17 you.

18 BY MR. CRUEGER:

19 Q. Good afternoon.

20 A. Good afternoon.

21 Q. So this is your fact deposition
22 after your 30(b)(6) deposition. There's going
23 to be a little bit of overlap by necessity, but
24 we're trying to avoid that, and we will get

1 started.

2 What did you do to prepare for
3 your fact deposition, anything different?

4 A. No.

5 Q. We asked you before, this is not
6 the first time you've been deposed, obviously,
7 correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. I think you said you were deposed
10 twice already?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Have you ever testified at trial?

13 A. No.

14 MR. CRUEGER: Given our system of
15 the massive table, I'm just going to
16 hand exhibits around like we were doing
17 before.

18 (Document marked for
19 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-1.)

20 BY MR. CRUEGER:

21 Q. So Exhibit 1 is just the Second
22 Amended Notice of Deposition.

23 Have you ever seen this?

24 A. I don't believe so.

1 Q. Okay.

2 MR. SNAPP: Could you hand around
3 a second copy when you hand them around,
4 please.

5 MR. CRUEGER: Yeah, I just
6 noticed that.

7 I'm going to hand you what's
8 Exhibit 2, which is a copy of your CV.

9 (Document marked for
10 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-2.)

11 BY MR. CRUEGER:

12 Q. Is this a true and accurate copy
13 of your CV, Dr. Fanelli?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Let's just make a quick record of
16 this. How long have you worked at Purdue?

17 A. Since December 2000.

18 Q. And are you an employee?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Are you an employee of Purdue
21 Pharma, L.P.?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Are you an employee of any of the
24 other entities?

1 A. That's my legal employer.

2 Q. Do you work for any of the other
3 Purdue entities?

4 A. Depending on -- as the head of
5 regulatory, there are other entities. For
6 instance, we end licensed the product, and that
7 was under Purdue Pharmaceutical Products, L.P.
8 So that's an example.

9 Q. And just so that we speak in
10 clear English, end licensing means what?

11 A. A product that another sponsor
12 had the legal or the regulatory responsibility
13 for that then became the regulatory and
14 ownership of Purdue.

15 Q. A sponsor being -- is that
16 another Purdue affiliated company?

17 A. No, no, that's an outside,
18 outside of the Purdue group of companies.

19 Q. So is that just like licensing
20 and patent?

21 A. Yes, or a product.

22 Q. Okay. Do you do any work for
23 Rhodes Pharmaceuticals?

24 A. No.

1 Q. Could you tell me what Rhodes
2 Pharmaceuticals is?

3 A. Rhodes Pharmaceuticals, there's
4 -- yeah. Rhodes Pharmaceuticals is -- has
5 generic products, you know, is my understanding.
6 I don't know the full -- as I say, I'm not part
7 of that company. We do interact.

8 Q. And what do you mean when you say
9 you interact, what do you do?

10 A. An example is MS Contin, which
11 Purdue got approved, was -- they sell a generic
12 of that product, and they are currently, at
13 least as of today, they are commercializing the
14 product.

15 Q. "They" being Rhodes?

16 A. Rhodes Pharma -- or the firm you
17 said, sorry.

18 Q. Rhodes Pharmaceutical?

19 A. Yeah.

20 Q. Or Rhodes Pharma?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. We can call it the same way. We
23 don't have to say the long word all the time.

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Do they also sell an
2 immediate-release Oxycodone product?

3 A. I believe they do.

4 Q. And they sell generics, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And are they owned by the same
7 owners of Purdue?

8 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

9 THE WITNESS: Ownership, I'm not
10 aware of the -- you know, the details of
11 the ownership. I know that the Board of
12 Directors -- you know, it's been split
13 up. There are common individuals on the
14 different boards, those boards.

15 BY MR. CRUEGER:

16 Q. The different boards being the
17 boards of Rhodes Pharma and the boards of?

18 A. Purdue Pharma.

19 Q. Purdue Pharma?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. Now, you have a Master's degree?

22 A. I have a Ph.D. I have a Master's
23 degree as well.

24 Q. So, yes, you have a Master's

1 degree?

2 A. Yes, I do. Sorry.

3 Q. What is your Master's in?

4 A. It's in -- I'm trying to remember
5 what we called it back then -- psychobiology or
6 physiological psychology.

7 Q. Could you just explain very
8 briefly what that is?

9 A. Sure. It was -- when I was at
10 the State University of New York at Binghamton,
11 part of that, the Ph.D. program had a interim
12 Master's, where an area of research is defended
13 in a Master's thesis that is written, and that's
14 what that is.

15 Mine was looking at behavioral of
16 different animals in learning models.

17 Q. And now we'll get to your Ph.D.

18 You have a Ph.D.?

19 A. Yes, I do.

20 Q. And what's your Ph.D. in?

21 A. It's in physiological psychology
22 is the -- which I think I referred to earlier --
23 is similar to neuroscience today.

24 Q. And to explain that to someone

1 who is not a Ph.D. in those areas, what does
2 that actually mean? Like, what is that a degree
3 in?

4 A. So a Ph.D. is a -- requires a
5 thesis and a years of research, well, it can be
6 whatever it is with a novel test of a
7 hypothesis, and it's a course of study and
8 research to defend -- that is defended and a
9 degree is granted.

10 Q. I was unclear. What is the field
11 that you have a Ph.D. in? Can you explain that
12 in less technical terms than the title?

13 A. Okay, sorry. I guess in terms of
14 the scientific area?

15 Q. Yes.

16 A. I guess the area of study would
17 be the functioning of certain brain regions in
18 different learning and memory models.

19 Q. Now, you haven't always worked at
20 Purdue Pharma, correct?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. So I'm on your CV. If you look
23 on page 2 it says from July of 1985 to April of
24 1988, you worked at the NIDA Addiction Research

1 Center?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What did you do there?

4 A. Numbers of experiments across the
5 time. I was a staff fellow, which reported in
6 to laboratory that was investigating the role --
7 similar as in my Ph.D, but expanded
8 neurochemical systems around the behavior and as
9 it relates to addiction.

10 Q. Addiction to what?

11 A. On the project we were looking
12 at, it was on over the course of three years
13 multiple investigations that were of -- part of
14 the -- and, by the way, NIDA stands for the
15 National Institute on Drug Abuse, so that were a
16 part of the course of that.

17 Q. Did any of your study involve
18 opioids?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What type of opioids?

21 A. So I was looking at -- and
22 there's -- there are publications. Again, I was
23 in Edy London's lab, and we looked at metabolic
24 glucose, it's similar to a PET imaging of the

1 brain in animals, looking at areas of the brain
2 that were involved of substances of abuse, and
3 we looked at different types of opiates, B1
4 agonists, delta agonists, and looked for the
5 different areas of the brains that were
6 involved.

7 Q. So you were studying the effect
8 on the brain?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Very quickly, you worked at
11 Bayer?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. And then at Bayer you were
14 doing -- I guess we would call you're doing
15 science; you weren't always doing regulatory
16 work?

17 A. Correct. For the first -- from I
18 think -- well, it says on there. Started in
19 '88 and moved into regulatory in '97, so almost
20 a decade.

21 Q. And then from Bayer you came over
22 to Purdue Pharma in December of 2000, correct?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. Now, do you have a role in the

1 approval of reformulated OxyContin?

2 A. In the approval? You mean in
3 terms of -- well --

4 Q. Well, let's just talk about
5 reformulated OxyContin.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Can we agree that's supposedly
8 the abuse deterrent --

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. -- version of OxyContin?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Okay. Just as a reminder, I have
13 to finish and you have to start; otherwise, the
14 court reporter gets angry.

15 A. I apologize.

16 Q. And now, the FDA approved
17 reformulated OxyContin, correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Did you have any role in
20 submitting those documents to the FDA?

21 A. For the NDA for the reformulated?

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. I was not the -- we talked about
24 FDA liaisons. Do you want me to -- anyway, I

1 was not the FDA liaison on that submission.

2 Q. Who was?

3 A. It was either -- we could look at
4 the submission letter. I believe it might have
5 been Beth Conley.

6 Q. Do you have a role now as --

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. -- working with the ADF and
9 reformulated OxyContin?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And what is that role?

12 A. I am now the FDA liaison on that
13 product, so I would be the prime person
14 communicating with FDA on that work.

15 Q. And when did you take on that
16 role?

17 A. Beth Conley left Purdue -- it's
18 within a year. So when she left the company, I
19 took that over.

20 Q. Just to talk quickly, how are --
21 you said you were an employee of Purdue Pharma,
22 correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. How are you paid, a salary?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you receive a bonus?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. How is your bonus calculated?

5 A. It's based on -- it's changed.

6 You want today, 75% based on company performance
7 and 25% on meeting my personal objectives. It's
8 actually company performance against the
9 corporate objectives.

10 Q. Just briefly explain what you
11 mean by that. Is it tied to sales, or is it
12 tied to some pre -- your -- that part of your
13 bonus, or is it tied to some predetermined
14 metric?

15 A. It's not tied to sales. It's
16 tied to -- so I'm an R&D -- my personal is
17 beginning of the year we have objectives for
18 myself as the head of regulatory, and it's
19 dependent on -- the 25% is how well we do
20 against those objectives, and then the
21 corporation has objectives at the beginning of
22 the year and how well the corporation does
23 against those objectives.

24 Q. And by "well," that's due --

1 that's measured in revenue?

2 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

3 THE WITNESS: I don't -- that
4 could be one of the objectives on there,
5 but I think it may be one of the
6 objectives.

7 BY MR. CRUEGER:

8 Q. Can you tell me what the
9 objectives are?

10 A. No, I can't.

11 (Document marked for
12 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-3.)

13 BY MR. CRUEGER:

14 Q. I've just passed over what is
15 Exhibit 3.

16 By the way, just on Exhibit 2, I
17 don't know if you know, your Social Security
18 number is on there. You might want to --

19 A. It's not on -- yeah.

20 Q. You might want to delete that off
21 so...

22 A. Thank you.

23 Q. Exhibit 3 I just want to ask you
24 if this looks like a true and accurate report of

1 your salary from 2000 to obviously June of 2018?

2 A. It appears to be.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. Sorry, can I --

5 Q. Sure.

6 A. (Witness reviews document.)

7 Q. Are you looking at Exhibit 3?

8 A. Yes. Sorry.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. Oh, okay. So 2018 must be part
11 year.

12 Q. Yes, yes, it goes through June of
13 2018.

14 A. Got it, thank you. Then it's
15 accurate.

16 Q. Mr. Fanelli, we're going to talk
17 a little bit about really kind of three general
18 areas, a little bit about your role in the
19 company and what you're doing, talk a little bit
20 about the ADF and what that is, the abuse
21 deterrent formula.

22 Is it a formula or formulation?

23 A. Formulation.

24 Q. And then we're just going to talk

1 about the process of basically the history of
2 where that -- where the abuse deterrent
3 formulation started and then where is it going,
4 okay?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. So those would be the three
7 general things.

8 So let's just, you know, lay a
9 little background to some of this is Purdue
10 sells OxyContin, correct?

11 A. Say it again.

12 Q. Purdue sells OxyContin?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And OxyContin, the primary active
15 drug is -- ingredient is Oxycodone?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And that's an opioid, correct?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. And it's a dangerous drug,
20 correct?

21 A. It's a new opiate agonist that's
22 a Schedule II, which is the highest level of
23 approved agents that -- in that class for abuse
24 and diversion, yeah, with risks of abuse and

1 diversion.

2 Q. So it's dangerous, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And it can kill you?

5 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, if -- yeah, go

7 ahead.

8 BY MR. CRUEGER:

9 Q. And it can kill you by
10 overdosing, correct?

11 A. There have been overdoses with
12 Oxycodone, yes.

13 Q. But that's -- you take too much
14 of it and you overdose and then you die,
15 correct?

16 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 BY MR. CRUEGER:

19 Q. So and exactly how does it kill
20 someone?

21 A. I'm not a physician. What's
22 reported in the package insert are risks related
23 to the product. The primary risk is respiratory
24 depression, and that's the prime risk around an

1 overdose with new agonists.

2 Q. So what is respiratory
3 depression?

4 A. It's depression of the breathing,
5 so there would be a slowing of the breathing
6 rate.

7 Q. It slows down your breathing, and
8 eventually your lungs fill up with liquid,
9 correct?

10 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

11 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of
12 the full -- it's not part of my
13 background.

14 BY MR. CRUEGER:

15 Q. So you know it can kill you, but
16 you don't know exactly how?

17 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: I don't know. You
19 asked about filling up the lungs. As I
20 say, the primary risk is around
21 respiratory depression.

22 BY MR. CRUEGER:

23 Q. What I'm just -- what I'm trying
24 to do is get rid of the sanitation we tend to

1 put around these things. We try to clean up the
2 whole process, and respiratory depression is a
3 very nice word to describe you stop breathing
4 and you die, correct?

5 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

6 THE WITNESS: It is talking about
7 the respiratory rate, if it falls too
8 low, it can result in death, yes.

9 BY MR. CRUEGER:

10 Q. And so when we talk about people
11 overdosing, that's the actual thing that happens
12 to them, correct?

13 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: That's one of the
15 things, yes.

16 BY MR. CRUEGER:

17 Q. And it's also -- OxyContin is
18 also dangerous because -- or opioids in general
19 are also dangerous because there's a risk of
20 addiction, correct?

21 A. Yes, there is a risk of
22 addiction, it's part of the warnings, right,
23 listed in the black box warning as well.

24 MR. CRUEGER: So I'm going to

1 hand you what's been labeled Exhibit 4.

2 (Document marked for

3 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-4.)

4 BY MR. CRUEGER:

5 Q. Now, you're aware there's been a
6 rise in prescription overdose deaths over the
7 past ten years, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Have you seen this graph before?

10 A. It looks familiar. I don't know
11 if it's the exact one, but I've seen versions of
12 this in the data.

13 Q. And the purple line "Commonly
14 Prescribed Opioids," that would include
15 OxyContin, correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And it's grown pretty high since
18 1999, correct?

19 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

20 THE WITNESS: According to this
21 presentation, it has grown over this
22 time period.

23 BY MR. CRUEGER:

24 Q. And in 1999 it was just a little

1 over one death per 100,000 people, correct, just
2 commonly prescribed opioids, not all of them, so
3 the purple line?

4 A. That's what's on this graph.
5 That's what it notes.

6 Q. And by 2007 it looks like it's a
7 little bit over four people, four deaths per
8 100,000 people, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And then by 2011 it seems to be
11 getting up to about almost five deaths per
12 100,000 people, correct?

13 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: That's what this
15 figure is showing, yes.

16 BY MR. CRUEGER:

17 Q. And by 2015 it's still up, it
18 looks like it's even a little higher than five
19 deaths per 100,000 people, correct?

20 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

21 THE WITNESS: It looks to me like
22 it's a little lower but --

23 BY MR. CRUEGER:

24 Q. It's a little tough to tell

1 without the graphing, but it's --

2 A. Yes, and without the data.

3 Q. So -- and it's been growing as
4 the number of prescriptions in the United States
5 has been growing too, correct?

6 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

7 THE WITNESS: This graph is
8 deaths per 100,000 prescriptions.

9 BY MR. CRUEGER:

10 Q. 100,000 people?

11 A. Oh, population, right.

12 Q. So what I'm asking, do you know
13 whether the amount of -- the number of
14 prescriptions for opioids has increased from
15 1999 to 2016?

16 A. It has increased since 1999.

17 Q. And so has the number of deaths?

18 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

19 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

20 BY MR. CRUEGER:

21 Q. Do you think, Mr. Fanelli, that
22 there's a correlation between the increase in
23 the number of prescriptions and the increase in
24 overdose deaths from prescription opioids?

1 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

2 THE WITNESS: There is -- there
3 is an increase or at least the
4 prescription opioids are -- as of today,
5 there's a significant decrease since the
6 time the graph you show here, but there
7 has been a increase in both of them, but
8 correlation does not indicate causation,
9 but there has been a correlation in the
10 two.

11 MR. CRUEGER: I'll hand you
12 Exhibit 5.

13 (Document marked for
14 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-5.)

15 BY MR. CRUEGER:

16 Q. Do you know, Mr. Fanelli -- Dr.
17 Fanelli, between with the increase in
18 prescriptions for opioids and the increase of
19 number of deaths, has there been any decrease in
20 reported pain in the United States?

21 A. I'm not aware of the numbers of
22 reporting pain.

23 Q. So do you ever go on the CDC
24 website?

1 A. I have.

2 Q. And do you ever go on the CDC
3 website and just see the information about the
4 prescription opioids?

5 A. In the past I have done that.

6 Q. So this is a copy of -- Exhibit 5
7 is a copy from the frequently asked question
8 section of the CDC website.

9 Have you looked through the
10 frequently asked questions before?

11 A. No, I have not.

12 Q. So, according to here, it says,
13 the second sentence in the "Why is the guideline
14 needed in the United States?"

15 Do you see that section?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So it says, "The amount of
18 opioids prescribed and sold in the United States
19 quadrupled since 1999, yet there has not been an
20 overall change in the amount of pain that
21 Americans report."

22 Have I read that correctly?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you have any information to

1 dispute that?

2 A. No, I don't have any different
3 information.

4 Q. Do you know if Purdue has any
5 information to dispute that?

6 A. I'm not aware of whether or not
7 Purdue has that information.

8 Q. So who is Dr. Haddox or Haddox,
9 H-a-d-d --

10 A. Haddox is correct. Dr. David
11 Haddox is, was, I believe he still is head of
12 our health policy I think was the name of the
13 department. He was on the org charts we talked
14 about yesterday.

15 Q. What's his role at Purdue?

16 A. I know that he was head of that
17 department.

18 Q. But what does that department do?

19 A. Health policy -- should I pass
20 this?

21 Q. Just set that aside for a second.

22 A. Yeah, okay, sorry.

23 Q. It's just the process of getting
24 it around the large table to you.

1 A. Understand. So your question
2 again?

3 Q. I mean, you said Dr. Haddox is in
4 health policy.

5 What does he do, though, at
6 Purdue?

7 A. So health policy group, it's
8 moved around in terms of it was a part of
9 medical affairs or an independent department, so
10 it's changed over time, but they work on and
11 address policy issues in the corporation around
12 healthcare.

13 Q. Can you give me an example?

14 A. So, for instance, if there are --
15 you know what, my interactions with Dr. Haddox
16 in that group are mostly around submissions to
17 FDA of -- if there was something they came up
18 with that was going to be submitted to the
19 agency. So most of my interactions with
20 Dr. Haddox were in group discussions of those.
21 Whether or not, for instance, there were
22 guidelines around treatment of pain that were
23 being discussed and if we were -- there's one
24 example, if Purdue was going to provide some

1 input into that public discussion.

2 (Document marked for
3 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-6.)

4 BY MR. CRUEGER:

5 Q. So if you look at what's been
6 labeled Exhibit 6 that was just passed to you.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. This is an e-mail from Dr. Haddox
9 to you, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And it's sent in September -- on
12 September 17th, 2004, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And at this time I believe,
15 according to your resume, you were the senior
16 director of regulatory affairs?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. So what was your job as a senior
19 director of regulatory affairs during this time?
20 You can take time to read the e-mail if you want
21 to.

22 A. Yeah, could I do that? (Witness
23 reviews document.) So I'm trying to remember --
24 you asked -- can you ask the question again.

1 Q. I was asking what were your job
2 responsibilities as a senior director in this
3 time frame, 2004?

4 A. So I'm trying to remember if I
5 was the head of the group, but I think that
6 happened in 2006. So I would have been an
7 individual FDA liaison but one of the senior
8 ones at that time.

9 Q. And he's sending you the subject
10 is language, so why is Dr. Haddox sending you
11 this, this e-mail?

12 A. I don't recall why Dr. Haddox
13 sent it. It has a D, it looks like it's --
14 well, I'm speculating. It's taken from
15 something else.

16 Q. And he's talking about -- well,
17 I'll let -- be curious in your understanding,
18 what is Dr. Haddox talking about in this e-mail?

19 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

20 THE WITNESS: Again, it's, you
21 know, seeing that number D in front of
22 it, it looks like he's taken this from
23 somewhere else and sent it to me, but
24 I -- and it just says language, so I'm

1 not sure. You know, I don't recall
2 back, you know, that long ago why he
3 would have sent that to me.

4 BY MR. CRUEGER:

5 Q. And what is this information that
6 he's sending you?

7 A. He talks about data from the
8 NASDUH, it's sometimes referred to, or SAMHSA,
9 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

10 Q. And what is the data about?

11 A. It's talking about nonmedical use
12 of prescription analgesics.

13 Q. And the last sentence, can you
14 read that, please.

15 A. "This fact can be used to
16 interpret the following data to make valid
17 inferences about the rate of iatrogenic
18 addiction."

19 Q. And can you just briefly explain
20 what is iatrogenic addiction?

21 A. It's a term that has been used
22 for addiction for increases in -- for instance,
23 increases in opiate requirements around pain
24 when -- with taking the medication is my

1 understanding.

2 Q. Is it addiction that occurs when
3 a patient takes medicine, an opioid pursuant to
4 a prescription?

5 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

6 THE WITNESS: So as we talked
7 about, my experience and work at the
8 Addiction Research Center is on the
9 basic physiologic mechanisms.

10 This is a clinical definition,
11 but my understanding, I'm not the expert
12 in that area, but I don't have -- I
13 don't disagree with your conclusion.

14 BY MR. CRUEGER:

15 Q. And they have some numbers in
16 here, one is for 2002 that 8.5% met the DSM-IV
17 criteria for dependence to pain relievers and
18 that number in 2003 was 8.7%, 8.07%, correct?

19 A. That's what it says here, yes.

20 Q. Are those numbers high?

21 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

22 BY MR. CRUEGER:

23 Q. In your opinion?

24 A. I think we've talked about the --

1 I have no scientific basis to know -- to qualify
2 that as such.

3 Q. So what does that mean when you
4 say you have no scientific basis, that you just
5 don't know if that number is high or if it's
6 low?

7 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

8 THE WITNESS: How to rate those
9 numbers based on other factors in the
10 environment or in the -- yeah, just
11 leave it at that.

12 BY MR. CRUEGER:

13 Q. And as of 2004, am I correct that
14 Purdue had no study about the risk of addiction
15 among patients treated with extended-release
16 opioids?

17 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: What do you mean by
19 "study"?

20 BY MR. CRUEGER:

21 Q. Had Purdue done any study, a
22 controlled study, any type of study to get an
23 idea about the risk of addiction among patients
24 who were treated with extended-release opioids

1 for chronic pain?

2 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

3 THE WITNESS: No.

4 BY MR. CRUEGER:

5 Q. And you mentioned that you had
6 talked to Dr. Haddox about guidelines?

7 A. (Witness shakes head.)

8 Q. Is that yes or no? You just have
9 to...

10 A. Yes. I don't remember the
11 details. For instance, the CDC guideline, I
12 think we referred to it, I know I had a
13 conversation about that, but, again, it wouldn't
14 have been part of my function as the head of
15 regulatory to -- it would be more of, you know,
16 how do we interact with FDA about those, and
17 that would have been the role.

18 Q. So Dr. Haddox, was he trying to
19 get the -- would he be talking to you about the
20 guidelines because he wanted the FDA to do
21 something about the guidelines?

22 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

23 BY MR. CRUEGER:

24 Q. I'm trying to understand why

1 would he be talking to you about the guidelines?

2 A. Guidelines from government agency
3 or physician groups or whatever would be
4 reviewed, and it probably wasn't a one-on-one.
5 It might have been in a discussion, does it have
6 any impact on our submissions.

7 Q. And these are guidelines for the
8 treatment using opioids to treat chronic pain?

9 A. It could be.

10 Q. Now, I only have one copy of
11 this, but we've talked a little about -- it's
12 been mentioned a few times that Purdue pled
13 guilty, correct?

14 A. We have talked about that, yes.

15 Q. And they pled guilty to making
16 false and misleading statements about the risk
17 of addiction, correct?

18 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 MR. CRUEGER: I'm going to hand
21 you what's been labeled Exhibit 10.

22 (Document marked for
23 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-10.)

24 BY MR. CRUEGER:

1 Q. Dr. Fanelli, so let's just do a
2 few background things before we move on to that.

3 So you know that Purdue pled
4 guilty, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And it was 2007, correct? I'll
7 represent to you it was 2007.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you were working at Purdue at
10 the time, correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you had a fairly high up
13 position in the company at the time, correct?

14 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

15 THE WITNESS: I was we say a
16 senior director at the time.

17 BY MR. CRUEGER:

18 Q. Did you ever read the indictment,
19 the Information?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Did you ever read the Agreed
22 Statement of Facts?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Why not?

1 A. That was the responsibility of
2 others. I learned from them what was
3 Purdue's -- Purdue's response as it relates to
4 the interaction with the agency, the FDA.

5 Q. But aside from your
6 responsibilities as an employee, it's not every
7 day that your employer pleads guilty to a
8 federal crime, is it?

9 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

10 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the
11 question. Sorry.

12 BY MR. CRUEGER:

13 Q. It's pretty unusual for your
14 employer to plead guilty to a federal crime,
15 correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And so my natural inclination
18 would be to figure out what my employer did that
19 was considered to be a federal crime, so I'm
20 wondering, did you do anything to figure out
21 what Purdue did that it pled guilty to a federal
22 crime?

23 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

24 THE WITNESS: I relied on my

1 colleagues who examined that,
2 specifically members of the law
3 department, but others, to be informed
4 on it.

5 BY MR. CRUEGER:

6 Q. And how did you learn of the --
7 of the information and guilty plea?

8 A. I thought that -- that's what I
9 just said, from my colleagues who had the
10 responsibility to review that.

11 Q. But I'm asking, so was there an
12 e-mail that went around, or did some person come
13 and tell you, or did they have a meeting of all
14 the employees, or how did that message go around
15 the company?

16 A. You know, I don't remember the
17 exact details.

18 Q. And you said your colleagues, so
19 who were you talking to, like who talked to you
20 about the -- to explain the guilty plea to you?

21 A. It would have been members of the
22 law department.

23 Q. So really today is kind of like
24 the first day that you've -- today and yesterday

1 are really the first days that you've looked at
2 the Agreed Statement of Facts and the
3 Information and the guilty plea?

4 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 BY MR. CRUEGER:

7 Q. Did you look at them -- you
8 didn't look at them to prepare for your --
9 either the 30(b)(6) or your fact deposition?

10 A. I can't remember -- I can't
11 remember if I did or not.

12 Q. So you've never looked through
13 the Agreed Statement of Facts and figured out
14 exactly what Purdue did to violate the law?

15 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

16 THE WITNESS: Correct. I relied
17 on my colleagues to provide that
18 information.

19 BY MR. CRUEGER:

20 Q. If you can go to page 5 of that
21 exhibit, the agreed statement of facts, so it's
22 paragraph 20. And it says, "Beginning on or
23 about December 12th, 1995, and continuing until
24 on or about June 30th, 2001, certain Purdue

1 supervisors and employees, with the intent to
2 defraud or mislead, marketed and promoted
3 OxyContin as less addictive, less subject to
4 abuse and diversion, and less likely to cause
5 tolerance and withdrawal than other pain
6 medications, as follows."

7 And I would just like you to read
8 out loud paragraph 20b.

9 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

10 THE WITNESS: Told Purdue sales
11 representatives they could tell
12 healthcare providers that OxyContin
13 potentially causes less chance of
14 addiction than immediate-release
15 opioids.

16 BY MR. CRUEGER:

17 Q. So did you know that Purdue had
18 done this?

19 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

20 THE WITNESS: Yes, I was aware of
21 that.

22 BY MR. CRUEGER:

23 Q. And that statement that you just
24 read, when they tell sales -- when sales

1 representatives would tell healthcare providers
2 that OxyContin potentially creates less chance
3 for addiction than immediate-release opioids,
4 that is a false statement, correct?

5 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

6 THE WITNESS: So a statement that
7 was in the original package insert about
8 the long-acting nature compared to -- it
9 doesn't say compared to
10 immediate-release, but the long-acting
11 had a less chance of addiction was in
12 the original package insert, but is no
13 longer in there, based on the lack of
14 scientific evidence.

15 BY MR. CRUEGER:

16 Q. Well, first of all, I believe the
17 package insert, it was a little bit less
18 definitive in that, correct, it was believed,
19 correct?

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. And it didn't actually say who
22 believed it, correct?

23 A. It was part of the approved
24 label.

1 Q. But it didn't say who believed
2 it, correct?

3 A. It did not ascribe it.

4 Q. And just because it's in the
5 package insert, that doesn't necessarily make it
6 true, correct?

7 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

8 THE WITNESS: It's approved based
9 on the scientific evidence as approved
10 by FDA.

11 BY MR. CRUEGER:

12 Q. But just because it's approved,
13 if it's incorrect, it's incorrect?

14 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

15 THE WITNESS: If something is
16 incorrect, it is incorrect.

17 BY MR. CRUEGER:

18 Q. And how you answer that actually
19 raises a question.

20 So if the label says -- an FDA
21 approved label says that extended-release
22 opioids are believed to reduce the risk of
23 addiction, but the company knows that's untrue,
24 should the company still tell the public that

1 extended-release opioids may reduce the risk of
2 addiction?

3 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

4 THE WITNESS: Purdue has, as
5 recently as within the six months,
6 worked with FDA to revise labeling based
7 on new data that's available. I'll just
8 stop there.

9 BY MR. CRUEGER:

10 Q. But that's not my question.

11 My question is because you seem
12 to say that if the FDA label says -- has a
13 statement, in this case, that it's believed that
14 extended-release opioids may reduce the risk of
15 addiction, that Purdue can market that, using
16 that statement, even if it knows it's untrue and
17 inaccurate?

18 MR. SNAPP: Is there a question?

19 Objection to form.

20 BY MR. CRUEGER:

21 Q. Is that your belief?

22 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

23 THE WITNESS: No.

24 BY MR. CRUEGER:

1 Q. Okay. So if the company knows
2 the statement is untrue, even if it's in the
3 label, would you agree with me that the company
4 should not market that statement that it knows
5 it's untrue using -- should not -- let me strike
6 that.

7 If the company knows that the
8 statement in the label is untrue, then you would
9 agree with me that the company should not use
10 that statement to market the opioids to the
11 public, correct?

12 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: So this is --
14 statements -- we talked about that
15 earlier, statements in the label are
16 based on available evidence.

17 The statements that end up there
18 are a scientific evaluation by both the
19 sponsors and FDA. FDA has reasons for
20 putting things in a label that the
21 company may not have, but it's all based
22 on the level of science at the time.

23 BY MR. CRUEGER:

24 Q. But I'm asking you a slightly

1 different question, and I'm not even asking you
2 a legal liability question. That's a different
3 question.

4 I'm just asking you that if the
5 company knows that extended-release opioids do
6 not reduce the risk of addiction, should it
7 market that feature to the public just because
8 it's in the label?

9 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

10 THE WITNESS: There would be a
11 reason something is in the label, and
12 it's more complicated than that
13 hypothetical that you proposed.

14 BY MR. CRUEGER:

15 Q. Guidelines I don't think it's --
16 what makes it more complicated if it's -- if the
17 company knows it's an untrue statement?

18 MR. SNAPP: Wait for the question
19 to come.

20 BY MR. CRUEGER:

21 Q. What makes it complicated if the
22 company knows the statement in the label is
23 untrue or inaccurate, what makes it complicated
24 as to whether or not the company should use that

1 statement to market the opioids to the public?

2 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

3 THE WITNESS: In that

4 hypothetical if it was untrue the

5 company should not promote it.

6 BY MR. CRUEGER:

7 Q. And by the way, nothing --

8 nothing stops the company from withdrawing its

9 own drug from the market, correct?

10 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

11 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

12 BY MR. CRUEGER:

13 Q. Okay. And nothing stops the

14 company from determining that its drug is

15 unsafe, correct?

16 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

17 THE WITNESS: The company is

18 required to continue to evaluate and we

19 talked about it, periodic reports at

20 least once a year if not more on the

21 benefit-risk of a product.

22 BY MR. CRUEGER:

23 Q. Now, we talked about the

24 statement that's in the agreed statement of

1 facts in paragraph 20B and you made a reference
2 that originally in the label there was a
3 statement that it was believed that the
4 extended-release opioid may reduce the risk of
5 addiction, correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. When did that come out of the
8 label?

9 A. I don't remember the exact date.

10 Q. Was it off -- did that come out
11 of the label by 2000, by the time you started at
12 Purdue?

13 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: I don't remember.

15 Again.

16 BY MR. CRUEGER:

17 Q. It would have been out of the
18 label by 2007, when this plea agreement took
19 place, correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. So in 2007 if a person told a
22 healthcare provider so if a Purdue
23 representative told a healthcare provider that
24 OxyContin creates less chance for addiction than

1 immediate release opioids that would be either a
2 false or misleading statement, correct?

3 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

4 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the
5 question.

6 BY MR. CRUEGER:

7 Q. If in 2007 a representative told
8 a healthcare provider that OxyContin potentially
9 creates less chance for addiction than immediate
10 release opioids, that would be a false or
11 misleading statement, correct?

12 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: Determining how --
14 the exact -- this is how reviews and
15 everything, it really depends on any
16 statement how it said what actual the
17 statement is and the context it
18 occurred.

19 BY MR. CRUEGER:

20 Q. So let's just look at paragraph
21 20B in that statement.

22 A. Which one?

23 Q. Paragraph 20B, page six I believe
24 it is, the one that you read aloud.

1 So that exact statement in
2 paragraph 20B, that would be false and
3 misleading, correct?

4 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

5 THE WITNESS: Again, it would
6 depend on how it was stated.

7 BY MR. CRUEGER:

8 Q. If it was stated just like that
9 in 20B --

10 A. That second part of the sentence?

11 Q. Well, 20B is one sentence --
12 yeah, that OxyContin potentially creates less
13 chance for addiction than immediate release
14 opioids?

15 A. That's correct.

16 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

17 BY MR. CRUEGER:

18 Q. That's correct, that it would be
19 false and misleading?

20 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 MR. CRUEGER: So I'm going to
23 hand you what's been labeled as Exhibit
24 7.

1 (Document marked for
2 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-7.)

3 BY MR. CRUEGER:

4 Q. If you could just take time to
5 read through the e-mail, Dr. Fanelli.

6 A. (Witness reviews document.)

7 Q. Just tell me when you're done.

8 A. I've read it, looked through it.

9 Q. Would you agree that this is a
10 true and accurate copy of the e-mail?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. So if you look at the second page
13 that ends in the Bates number three confusingly?

14 A. I see.

15 Q. So starting with the e-mail
16 that's from you sent on -- sent in 2012 to Lisa
17 Basham, she works at the FDA, correct?

18 A. Yes, I believe she still does.
19 It's Lisa Basham, who is a regulatory project --
20 was a regulatory project manager in the Division
21 of Anesthesia, Analgesia and Addiction Products.
22 She may no longer -- she may have moved, but I
23 believe she's still at FDA.

24 Q. And the subject is about

1 OxyContin labeling?

2 A. Correct.

3 Q. And were you trying to get a
4 change in the label?

5 A. This is discussing a change to
6 the OxyContin label, but I don't -- I'm not sure
7 where it initiated from. As we talked before
8 suggestions for changes may come from the
9 sponsor, could come from FDA. If you look at
10 the first e-mail, the first e-mail came from
11 Lisa Basham and says, we're all working on this,
12 we suggest the following, so I don't actually
13 recall who initiated the conversation.

14 Q. And you're sending her a -- I
15 guess some proposed language for the label?

16 A. So -- yes.

17 Q. And because there's no color,
18 it's a little difficult to tell, but it looks
19 like the proposed -- of the language that you're
20 proposing is in the shaded area?

21 A. Yeah, the first e-mail is FDA
22 says they're suggesting this, then we -- I
23 guess -- I have to --

24 Q. But just quickly so the --

1 A. The highlighted, it looks like
2 that's the grayish is what we proposed suggested
3 back.

4 Q. So there's the -- just to read
5 the sentence, it says, "published relative
6 potency data are available" and then the -- you
7 would agree with me that then the proposal that
8 Purdue is asking for is "and may be referred to
9 in Clinical Practice Guidelines such as those
10 published by the Veterans Health Administration
11 Department of Defense and American Pain
12 Society," correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And then the FDA, her response is
15 on the first page, and her response is -- well,
16 actually, she has an e-mail it says "Sharon's
17 response." Who is Sharon?

18 A. That's Dr. Sharon Hertz, who's
19 the -- I don't recall if she was -- but
20 currently she is the division director at the
21 Division of Anesthesia, Analgesia, and Addiction
22 Products, Dr. Sharon Hertz. I'm not aware, we
23 looked at letters yesterday, Bob Rappaport
24 was -- could have been the head at the time,

1 but, anyway, this is either a medical officer or
2 she might have been a deputy director at the
3 time.

4 Q. So the short answer, she works at
5 the FDA?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. So and this is her comment is,
8 "As I mentioned when we spoke, we don't like to
9 refer to specific guidelines in labeling because
10 they can change and then the labeling reference
11 may no longer be appropriate. Therefore I
12 removed the reference to the VA and APS,"
13 correct?

14 A. That's what it says, yes.

15 Q. So they removed the reference to
16 the Veterans Health Administration, Department
17 of Defense guidelines and also the American Pain
18 Society guidelines, correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And then you forwarded the e-mail
21 to -- it must have been to Bridget Martell?

22 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

23 THE WITNESS: It doesn't -- well,
24 somehow she got this. It doesn't show

1 my forwarding.

2 BY MR. CRUEGER:

3 Q. Correct, but somehow it gets to
4 her, correct?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Who is that? Who is Bridget
7 Martell?

8 A. She's no longer at the company.
9 Obviously, she was there at this time. She
10 was -- I don't remember her title. She was in a
11 medical affairs department.

12 Q. And she says "sad the strategy
13 and rationale did not work," correct? So they
14 wanted the -- well, the next sentence is "It
15 seems we are left convincing legal that the
16 general reference allows us to detail
17 appropriate association guidelines," correct?
18 That's what it says?

19 A. That's what it says, yes.

20 Q. So Purdue was looking to change
21 the label so that it could detail doctors using
22 those two guidelines, correct?

23 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

24 THE WITNESS: I don't recall this

1 specifically, but that appears to be
2 what that says. She's not in our sales
3 organization, so I'm not -- I don't know
4 how she's describing detail.

5 BY MR. CRUEGER:

6 Q. But, clearly, someone at Purdue
7 wanted to use the American Pain Society
8 guidelines to sell OxyContin, correct?

9 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

10 THE WITNESS: I would not know if
11 it's relate -- with that intention.

12 BY MR. CRUEGER:

13 Q. But you were proposing the change
14 to the FDA, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. By "you" I mean you, not Purdue,
17 you, Dr. Fanelli, were sending the change to the
18 FDA, correct?

19 A. I was involved in the e-mail
20 correspondence back and forth with Lisa Basham,
21 who was a project manager with Dr. Hertz.

22 Q. And who at Purdue, did you -- was
23 it your idea to include the reference to the
24 American Pain Society guidelines?

1 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

2 THE WITNESS: Not mine

3 individually. I mean, it would have
4 been -- come from the medical affairs
5 department.

6 BY MR. CRUEGER:

7 Q. Do you recall who?

8 A. No, I do not.

9 Q. Did you talk to Dr. Haddox about
10 this change?

11 A. I could not remember whether I
12 did or not. It doesn't -- he's not on the list.

13 Q. Do you know -- did you read the
14 guidelines, the American Pain Society
15 guidelines?

16 A. Not in detail.

17 Q. But you did read them?

18 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

19 THE WITNESS: I don't recall
20 reading those guidelines, no.

21 BY MR. CRUEGER:

22 Q. Do you know who the American Pain
23 Society is, Dr. Fanelli?

24 A. No, not in detail. I mean, I've

1 heard of them in correspondence such as this,
2 but the actual makeup would just be a -- from my
3 hearing about it, not an investigation of it.

4 Q. Do you know whether Purdue
5 provides any support to the American Pain
6 Society?

7 A. I do not know.

8 Q. Just to clean this up quickly, so
9 I just want to be clear on this, so Purdue
10 wanted to change the label for a reason that's
11 really due to marketing, correct?

12 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: I would not agree
14 to that.

15 BY MR. CRUEGER:

16 Q. How would you -- if they want to
17 use the American Pain Society guidelines to
18 detail doctors, that would be marketing,
19 correct?

20 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

21 THE WITNESS: Can you repeat the
22 question.

23 BY MR. CRUEGER:

24 Q. If they wanted to use the

1 American Pain Society guidelines to detail
2 doctors, that is marketing, correct?

3 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

4 THE WITNESS: It could be
5 referred to as that, yes.

6 BY MR. CRUEGER:

7 Q. And if you change the label in
8 the way that Purdue was proposing to change the
9 label, that would be marketing consistent with
10 the FDA label, correct?

11 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

12 THE WITNESS: Yes. So could you
13 repeat it. Sorry. I want to make sure
14 I got the right --

15 BY MR. CRUEGER:

16 Q. If the FDA approved the label
17 change that Purdue was proposing, then Purdue
18 could market or detail doctors using the
19 American Pain Society guidelines and claim that
20 they were marketing consistent with the label
21 for OxyContin, correct?

22 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

23 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

24 MR. SNAPP: Before we move on to

1 another exhibit, can we take a
2 five-minute break. We've been going 66
3 minutes.

4 MR. CRUEGER: Let's just stop
5 this and then we're at a stopping point.

6 THE WITNESS: Finish this one?

7 MR. SNAPP: Are you done with
8 that one?

9 MR. CRUEGER: We're done with
10 that one.

11 MR. SNAPP: So can we take a
12 break?

13 MR. CRUEGER: Sure, if you want
14 to take a quick break.

15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Stand by.
16 Remove your microphones. The time is
17 2:09 p.m., off the record.

18 (Brief recess.)

19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We are
20 back on the record. The time is
21 2:23 p.m.

22 MR. CRUEGER: I'm going to hand
23 you what I've labeled Exhibit 8, Dr.
24 Fanelli.

1 (Document marked for
2 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-8.)

3 BY MR. CRUEGER:

4 Q. Have you seen this document
5 before?

6 A. I don't recall reviewing this
7 document in this state.

8 Q. What was the last part that you
9 said?

10 A. As such, exactly like this.

11 Q. But you've heard of this document
12 before?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. Again, you have to
15 remember that I have to be able to finish before
16 you can start talking.

17 A. I apologize.

18 Q. It's not a natural way of doing
19 conversation, so don't worry about it.

20 If you go to page 4 of the
21 report.

22 A. The page numbers on top?

23 Q. The page numbers on the top,
24 correct. There's a "Figure 1: Manufacturer

1 Payments to Selected Groups, 2012-2017," and
2 there's an entry for Purdue.

3 Do you see where I am in the
4 first column -- the second column?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And if you go down, there's the
7 American Pain Society?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you see there's a little over
10 \$542,000 paid to the American Pain Society?

11 A. I see that.

12 Q. Were you aware of Purdue's
13 contributions to the American Pain Society?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Were you aware of any of these
16 other companies' contributions to the American
17 Pain Society?

18 A. No.

19 Q. When you submitted the proposed
20 label change that referenced the American Pain
21 Society, did -- are you aware of anyone at
22 Purdue telling the FDA about the payments to
23 that society?

24 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

1 THE WITNESS: No, I'm not aware.

2 MR. CRUEGER: So handing you
3 what's labeled Exhibit 9.

4 (Document marked for
5 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-9.)

6 BY MR. CRUEGER:

7 Q. These are the American Pain
8 Society guidelines, correct?

9 A. I believe it's discussing that.
10 I haven't seen it in this form that I recall.

11 Q. Well, you said you had read
12 through the guidelines, correct?

13 A. I had -- I didn't -- I don't
14 think I said I read through them. I had seen
15 discussion of them, not from start to -- you
16 know what I mean, I think I said that.

17 Q. I actually don't know what that
18 means. Can you explain what that means?

19 A. So either -- I have seen them,
20 yes. I have seen them, I'll say that.

21 Q. So is the distinction we're
22 drawing here you've seen them, but you have not
23 read them?

24 A. Correct. I had not done a

1 detailed reading through of the documents.

2 Q. But these are the guidelines that
3 Purdue wanted to be referred to in the label so
4 it could use them to detail doctors, correct?

5 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

6 THE WITNESS: I'd have to look
7 back to -- I don't -- I'm not aware of
8 the timing of this or if it's the full
9 and complete listing of it in this form.

10 BY MR. CRUEGER:

11 Q. And if you turn to page -- well,
12 the page numbers up in the right-hand corner,
13 it's page 117, 117.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. In the second column, if you go
16 all the way down to the bottom, it's the last
17 sentence before the next section take starts as
18 methadone.

19 Do you see where I am?

20 A. On top of the --

21 Q. On top of it.

22 A. Yeah.

23 Q. Starts with "proposed"?

24 A. I see that.

1 Q. So it says, proposed benefits of
2 transitioning to long-acting opioids with
3 around-the-clock dosing include more consistent
4 control of pain, improved adherence and lower
5 risk of addiction or abuse through
6 well-conducted studies -- though well-conducted
7 studies have not examined these benefits.

8 That's what it says, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And these are the guidelines that
11 Purdue wanted to use to detail customers?

12 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: Again, I'm not sure
14 if this presentation is the exact
15 version that FDA -- we were referring to
16 at that time.

17 BY MR. CRUEGER:

18 Q. And this statement in this
19 American Pain Society guideline, now we would
20 agree that that is incorrect, that the use of
21 long-acting opioids has a lower risk of
22 addiction or abuse?

23 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

24 THE WITNESS: It says

1 well-conducted studies have not been
2 conducted or well-conducted studies have
3 not examined these.

4 BY MR. CRUEGER:

5 Q. Do you know of any evidence to
6 support that statement?

7 A. Could you repeat -- the one on
8 front.

9 Q. This last sentence, the proposed
10 benefits of transitioning to long-acting opioids
11 with around-the-clock dosing include more
12 consistent control of pain, improved adherence
13 and lower risk of addiction or abuse.

14 MR. SNAPP: Do you want to finish
15 the sentence.

16 BY MR. CRUEGER:

17 Q. Though well-conducted studies
18 have not examined the benefits.

19 Do you know of any -- any
20 scientific evidence that supports the part of
21 that statement that says it lowers the risk of
22 addiction or abuse?

23 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

24 THE WITNESS: Those studies are

1 being conducted as we speak.

2 BY MR. CRUEGER:

3 Q. Did you know of any studies in
4 2012?

5 A. I'm not aware of studies at that
6 time.

7 Q. In 2012 was the time when you
8 were proposing to change the label with the FDA,
9 correct?

10 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

11 THE WITNESS: That we talked
12 about --

13 BY MR. CRUEGER:

14 Q. In Exhibit 7, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Dr. Fanelli, do you have any idea
17 what the risk to the patient is if a doctor
18 believes that the risk of addiction is lower if
19 you're using extended-release opioids?

20 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

21 THE WITNESS: I think we talked
22 about that the risk is still under
23 discussion and scientific evaluation.

24 BY MR. CRUEGER:

1 Q. So you just -- it could be very
2 dangerous, it could be dangerous, it could be --

3 A. Could you repeat the question.
4 What could be dangerous?

5 Q. If a doctor believes that using
6 extended-release opioids to treat chronic pain,
7 there's a -- let me strike that.

8 If a doctor believes that there's
9 less risk of addiction and abuse if he
10 prescribes extended-release opioids to a patient
11 to treat chronic pain?

12 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: I have -- I don't
14 have any way to evaluate that.

15 BY MR. CRUEGER:

16 Q. So if you have no way to evaluate
17 that, why was Purdue asking the FDA to change
18 the label to include those guidelines?

19 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

20 THE WITNESS: We were responding
21 to an FDA -- again, we don't -- I don't
22 have the whole history or remember that
23 every detail, but we were responding to
24 an FDA request, and I actually don't

1 know the full rationale for including
2 those at that time.

3 BY MR. CRUEGER:

4 Q. Certainly, you're not suggesting
5 that the FDA was proposing that you include the
6 reference to the American Pain Society
7 guidelines in the label?

8 A. No.

9 Q. It's Purdue that was proposing
10 it, correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And I believe you testified you
13 don't know who at Purdue proposed it?

14 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

15 THE WITNESS: I don't know, yes,
16 where it came from.

17 BY MR. CRUEGER:

18 Q. If I wanted to answer that
19 question or if you wanted to answer that
20 question, how would you go about figuring it
21 out?

22 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

23 THE WITNESS: I would -- this
24 part of that, those guidelines are -- I

1 would talk to folks in the medical
2 affairs department.

3 BY MR. CRUEGER:

4 Q. Such as whom, who in particular?

5 A. Probably the head of that group,
6 although Marcelo Bigal started recently, so I'd
7 probably talk to Monica Kwarcinski.

8 Q. And does Purdue keep a record of
9 when it's proposing changes to labels of how
10 Purdue decided to propose lang -- let me strike
11 that.

12 Does Purdue keep a record of how
13 it came about to decide to propose certain
14 language in a label?

15 A. We keep record of the --
16 depending on -- of course, it depends on exactly
17 what it is. An example would be references if
18 when we submit a label for review, there are
19 annotations that reference where the evidence is
20 from and so forth, but it really depends on the
21 particular change.

22 BY MR. CRUEGER:

23 Q. I was thinking more along the
24 lines is there a record of any -- a centralized

1 record of any discussion or the decision-making
2 process within Purdue of we want to include this
3 language in the label?

4 A. There is a record of all
5 correspondence with FDA, but within it would
6 depend on what that discussion is.

7 (Document marked for
8 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-11.)

9 BY MR. CRUEGER:

10 Q. I'll hand you what's been marked
11 Exhibit 11.

12 If you can take time to just read
13 the e-mail and then tell me when you're done.

14 A. (Witness reviews document.)

15 I've read it.

16 Q. This is an e-mail, 2015, and it's
17 referring to the LA Times. It's called LA Times
18 Fact Pattern, but it's referring to articles
19 that were in the LA Times.

20 Do you recall those articles?

21 A. I recall that there were
22 articles, yes.

23 Q. Did you read any of them?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. And can you just summarize for me
2 so we don't have to go through the entire thing,
3 what they're asking -- well, let's just make
4 this clear, Robert Josephson, is that a --
5 that's a Purdue employee, correct?

6 A. Yeah, Bob Josephson is in our
7 corporate communications group.

8 Q. And the other people, the other
9 two people on here, these are also Purdue
10 employees, correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And then it's CCing you. Did you
13 do any work in formulating Purdue's response to
14 the articles?

15 A. No.

16 Q. So you were just CC'd on the
17 e-mail?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. So you can just put that to one
20 side.

21 So I just want to talk to you a
22 little bit about the abuse deterrent
23 formulation.

24 A. Sure.

1 Q. First, I just want to -- we
2 talked about it very briefly before, but you
3 said you were not the -- I can't remember the
4 exact term, is it the chief liaison with the
5 FDA --

6 A. Right.

7 Q. -- for the initial approval of
8 reformulated OxyContin?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And that -- so what role did you
11 play, if any, in between Purdue submitting the
12 NDA for reformulated OxyContin and then it
13 received approval in 2010, correct?

14 A. So I would have provided
15 supervisory oversight to the prime regulatory
16 folks at that time.

17 Q. Okay. And so what does -- I just
18 want to get an idea of what that actually means.

19 Does that mean you review and
20 approve everything before it's filed?

21 A. Not everything, but I would look
22 at important items, give advice.

23 Q. Okay. So I want to just quickly
24 talk about what abuse -- this means for

1 OxyContin, what abuse deterrent formulation
2 means.

3 It's really about -- is it about
4 tamper resistance, correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. So it's making the pill harder to
7 crush, correct?

8 A. That's one part, yes.

9 Q. And another part is then it makes
10 it if you crush it, it's harder to either inhale
11 or melt and put it up in a syringe, correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Is there anything else that it
14 does?

15 A. You said inhale, yes, that's
16 the -- that was the goals of the reformulation.

17 Q. So it's addressed to deter people
18 from either inhaling it or injecting it,
19 correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And it doesn't deter you from --
22 you can abuse reformulated OxyContin just by
23 swallowing it, correct?

24 A. That's correct.

1 Q. Now, isn't it true, Dr. Fanelli,
2 that most people don't abuse OxyContin by either
3 inhaling it or injecting it?

4 A. The -- I'm not aware of the
5 specific -- that's again part of that risk in
6 the epidemiology group. I know we have data on
7 that, but the early discussions with FDA were
8 looking at ways to address, and this was one of
9 the -- a first step in reformulation.

10 Q. But most people abuse OxyContin
11 by taking it orally, correct, the majority of
12 people do?

13 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: I don't know the
15 exact numbers.

16 BY MR. CRUEGER:

17 Q. Have you ever looked at that
18 issue?

19 A. Yes.

20 MR. CRUEGER: I'm going to hand
21 you what's been labeled Exhibit 12.

22 (Document marked for
23 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-12.)

24 BY MR. CRUEGER:

1 Q. And, Dr. Fanelli, this is a
2 surveillance report prepared by Navipro,
3 correct, or it's called a Navipro report?

4 A. Navipro, yes.

5 Q. And this one happens to be dated
6 June of 2013, correct?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. Just briefly explain for me why
9 Purdue was preparing or had these reports
10 prepared?

11 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

12 THE WITNESS: So I'm not sure
13 what this particular report was prepared
14 for.

15 BY MR. CRUEGER:

16 Q. So let me ask it this way: Do
17 you know why Purdue had this report prepared?

18 A. Not specifically for this
19 particular report. We have -- Navipro is one
20 of the studies in our postmarketing required
21 studies, and we have -- we talked about it
22 either today or yesterday, requirements to
23 provide interim reports, so this could be -- but
24 I'm not -- in this form without seeing cover

1 letters, I'm not that familiar with this
2 particular report.

3 Q. Well, let's go to --
4 unfortunately they don't -- well, page 32 of 71
5 and Table 8, you see where we are?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And this report is giving
8 percentages of people who abuse OxyContin,
9 reformulated OxyContin and actually original
10 OxyContin by different routes, oral, snorting,
11 smoking, injecting and then other.

12 And this table would suggest that
13 most people, the majority, who abuse OxyContin
14 abuse it by just taking it orally, correct?

15 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

16 THE WITNESS: In the first column
17 that's what it appears, yes.

18 BY MR. CRUEGER:

19 Q. Okay. Are you familiar at all
20 with any of the patent litigation surrounding
21 the ADF reformulation?

22 A. I know they exist, but I'm not
23 familiar with them.

24 Q. Did you play any role in it

1 whatsoever?

2 A. You know --

3 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

4 THE WITNESS: I gave a
5 deposition, but I can't recall if it was
6 specific to OxyContin or around some
7 other patent issue.

8 BY MR. CRUEGER:

9 Q. Were you involved at all in the
10 -- I'm trying to think of how to ask this
11 question so just --

12 A. Okay.

13 Q. Were you involved in how Purdue
14 licensed the patents that it used for the abuse
15 deterrent formulation in reformulated OxyContin?

16 A. No.

17 MR. CRUEGER: Okay. So let's
18 just take a quick break.

19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is
20 2:50 p.m., going off the record.

21 (Brief recess.)

22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is
23 3:01 p.m., back on the record.

24 BY MR. CRUEGER:

1 Q. So let's just talk a little bit
2 about the -- what happened after the FDA
3 approved reformulated OxyContin or actually also
4 when it approved it.

5 So the approval was -- if you
6 remember, it was April 16th, 2013, correct?

7 A. I don't have it -- I believe
8 that's correct.

9 MR. SNAPP: Did you say 2013?

10 THE WITNESS: Was it '12?

11 MR. CRUEGER: Well, approval --

12 I'm sorry.

13 BY MR. CRUEGER:

14 Q. It was approved in 2010, correct?

15 A. Yeah, yeah, sorry.

16 Q. And then the FDA did not approve
17 a label change in 2010, correct?

18 A. There was no label change at that
19 time.

20 Q. And the FDA asked -- either asked
21 or required, I'm not sure which word you want to
22 use, that Purdue conduct further studies about
23 the abuse deterrent formulation and its
24 effectiveness, correct?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And Purdue did a series of
3 studies, correct?

4 A. And continued to do those
5 studies, yes.

6 Q. Right, but it did a series of
7 studies and it submitted it to the FDA, correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And then on April 16th, 2013 is
10 when the FDA approved the label change, correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And at the same time that it
13 approved the label change, it also withdrew the
14 approval for original OxyContin, correct?

15 A. I don't -- subsequently, they
16 did, but I don't know if it was -- I don't
17 believe it was at the same time.

18 Q. For our purposes, whether it was
19 the same day or not, it doesn't matter, but
20 after it approved the label change, it also
21 withdrew the approval for original OxyContin,
22 correct?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. And then it also stopped

1 accepting abbreviated new drug applications,
2 correct?

3 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

4 BY MR. CRUEGER:

5 Q. For original OxyContin?

6 A. That's correct.

7 Q. And that means that a generic
8 manufacturer could not file an abbreviated new
9 drug application to sell original OxyContin,
10 correct?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. Did the FDA approve any --
13 or grant any exclusivity period for reformulated
14 OxyContin?

15 A. I'm not familiar with the
16 exclusivity based on that.

17 Q. Does reformulated Oxycontin have
18 any exclusivity, FDA exclusivity, period?

19 A. It's past the nonpatent
20 exclusivity for a -- that's a three-year, if
21 clinical trials are required, it would be patent
22 exclusivity.

23 Q. And then the FDA also required
24 more -- that Purdue do additional studies on the

1 effect of abuse deterrence -- of the abuse
2 deterrent formulation?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. And it was trying -- to summarize
5 it all up, it was trying to -- what Purdue was
6 trying to demonstrate was that the abuse
7 deterrent formulation actually reduced abuse in
8 the communities, correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. And Purdue then commissioned a
11 series of studies to be carried out to study
12 that, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. By the way, I'm going to
15 ask you, so starting in 2010 Purdue Pharma or
16 Purdue was only selling reformulated OxyContin,
17 correct?

18 A. There was a transition from the
19 original to the reformulated.

20 Q. So as of, like, 2011 then, let's
21 say, as of 2011, Purdue is only selling
22 reformulated Oxycontin?

23 A. Yes, we are distributing the
24 reformulated version.

1 Q. Isn't distributing the same as
2 selling?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR. CRUEGER: Okay. So I'm going
5 to give you what has been marked Exhibit
6 13.

7 (Document marked for
8 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-13.)

9 BY MR. CRUEGER:

10 Q. And, again, just tell me when
11 you're done reading it.

12 A. (Witness reviews document.)
13 I finished.

14 Q. Okay. So this is an e-mail to
15 you from Todd Baumgartner?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Who is that?

18 A. Baumgartner, he was -- I have to
19 look at the year. 2012, he was -- I believe he
20 was the head of regulatory affairs at the time.
21 At one time he was head of regulatory affairs,
22 then he was the head of all of R&D, so I
23 reported to him in both capacities.

24 Q. He worked for Purdue --

1 A. A couple times.

2 Q. He worked for Purdue Pharma?

3 A. Yes, sorry.

4 Q. Okay. And the subject line TR IR
5 opioids, can you explain what that means?

6 A. Tamper-resistant
7 immediate-release opioids.

8 Q. And if you look at what he --
9 after having my initial thoughts and then he has
10 like thought 5 and thought 7, I'm not sure what
11 happened to 1 through 4 or 6, but number 7 is
12 what I'm a little bit interested in, so it says
13 "recall we had actively discouraged Rhodes from
14 launching a generic IR Oxycodone." I'm not
15 going to continue reading.

16 Rhodes is Rhodes Pharmaceuticals?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And what is it referring to in
19 that you had -- when he says "we had actively
20 discouraged Rhodes from launching their generic
21 IR Oxycodone"?

22 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

23 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't
24 recall right now what that discussion

1 was.

2 BY MR. CRUEGER:

3 Q. So Rhodes Pharmaceuticals they --
4 IR -- strike that.

5 IR Oxycodone, that refers to
6 immediate release?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And Rhodes Pharmaceuticals is
9 selling immediate-release Oxycodone?

10 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

11 THE WITNESS: I believe they are,
12 yes.

13 BY MR. CRUEGER:

14 Q. And they sell it as a generic,
15 correct?

16 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

17 THE WITNESS: Yes.

18 BY MR. CRUEGER:

19 Q. And was there a concern about
20 Purdue selling a reformulated abuse deterrent
21 OxyContin and at the same time having a
22 Purdue-affiliated company selling an
23 immediate-release generic Oxycodone product?

24 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

1 THE WITNESS: There were
2 discussions about that.

3 BY MR. CRUEGER:

4 Q. And what were the discussions?

5 A. We had a tamper-resistant project
6 in development. Unfortunately, we were
7 unsuccessful in developing that project, but we
8 felt that that was an important product, if we
9 could meet the FDA's requirements, to get it on
10 the market, and that would be preferred.

11 Q. Well, first of all, who is "we,"
12 Purdue Pharma?

13 A. Yeah.

14 Q. And when you say a
15 tamper-resistant product, are you talking about
16 a tamper-resistant, immediate-release?

17 A. Yes, I'm sorry.

18 Q. Yeah, a tamper-resistant,
19 immediate-release product, correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And you, Purdue, were trying to
22 develop that immediate-release, tamper-resistant
23 product for Rhodes Pharmaceuticals to sell?

24 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

1 THE WITNESS: No. I don't have
2 the agenda for that meeting, it's not
3 attached, but we were studying it and
4 actually have submit -- did submit the
5 application, the name was Ovreeedy(ph.)
6 for an abuse deterrent IR formulation.

7 BY MR. CRUEGER:

8 Q. Of?

9 A. Of oxycodone, sorry.

10 Q. Just to back up quickly, you said
11 you don't have the agenda that's attached. Is
12 it just one page?

13 A. Yeah. Well, there's two --
14 there's nothing on this page.

15 (Document marked for
16 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-14.)

17 BY MR. CRUEGER:

18 Q. I only have one copy, obviously.
19 Is this the agenda for that e-mail, what's been
20 labeled Exhibit 14?

21 A. (Witness reviews document.) I've
22 reviewed it, so I see it.

23 Q. I was just asking is that the
24 agenda that's supposed to be attached to Exhibit

1 13?

2 A. It appears to be.

3 Q. Okay. So back to Exhibit 13, in
4 that paragraph 7 it says -- he writes, "But,
5 now, if we clearly are trying to bring forward a
6 TR IR formulation (and thus trying to address
7 the problem), I see no reason why we need to be
8 secretive."

9 What is he referring to there
10 about being secretive?

11 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

12 THE WITNESS: I don't recall.

13 BY MR. CRUEGER:

14 Q. And is Rhodes Pharmaceuticals, is
15 it currently selling an immediate-release
16 Oxycodone product?

17 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: I believe they are.

19 BY MR. CRUEGER:

20 Q. Do they have -- does Rhodes
21 Pharmaceuticals sell a tamper-resistant
22 Oxycodone product?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And, again, Rhodes

1 Pharmaceuticals, it's really owned by the same
2 family, the Sackler family, as Purdue, correct?

3 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

4 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of
5 the ownership of the different
6 corporations.

7 BY MR. CRUEGER:

8 Q. You think someone else other than
9 the Purdue family controls either directly or
10 indirectly Rhodes Pharmaceuticals?

11 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

12 THE WITNESS: Again, I don't know
13 the ownership.

14 BY MR. CRUEGER:

15 Q. How long has Rhodes
16 Pharmaceutical existed?

17 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: I do not know.

19 BY MR. CRUEGER:

20 Q. But you occasionally have e-mails
21 like this about Rhodes Pharmaceuticals, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you just assume it was an
24 independent third company that had no

1 affiliation or association with Purdue?

2 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

3 THE WITNESS: No. We consider it
4 an independent associated company is how
5 we term it.

6 BY MR. CRUEGER:

7 Q. And what does that mean in
8 reality? What is an independent associated
9 company?

10 A. So, again, this would be more
11 details from our law department, but it's not
12 the same -- my understanding is it's not the
13 same company, different legal and corporate
14 entity, but I'm not -- I don't have that
15 background to address that.

16 Q. Does Purdue sell any
17 immediate-release Oxycodone products?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Does Purdue sell any -- well,
20 answer if you --

21 A. No, we don't currently, that's
22 correct.

23 Q. Did Purdue at one time while
24 you've been at Purdue since 2000 sell an

1 immediate-release Oxycodone product?

2 A. Oh, Dilaudid is hydromorphone, so
3 no.

4 Q. Okay. Does Purdue sell any of
5 the drugs that are used to treat opioid
6 addiction?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Purdue doesn't sell any drugs
9 that are used to treat opioid addiction?

10 A. Currently, no, that I'm aware of.

11 Q. How about Rhodes Pharmaceuticals?

12 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

13 BY MR. CRUEGER:

14 Q. Does Rhodes Pharmaceuticals sell
15 any drugs that are used to treat opioid
16 addiction?

17 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: I don't know

19 Rhodes -- all of Rhodes' products.

20 BY MR. CRUEGER:

21 Q. Okay. So before we got on this
22 little tangent, we were talking about the ADF
23 and reformulated OxyContin. We had just talked
24 about the April 16th, 2013 FDA approval of the

1 new label for the abuse deterrent formulation
2 and that the FDA had asked or required Purdue to
3 do additional studies about the abuse deterrent
4 formulation, correct? You kind of remember
5 that's where we were?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Okay. And Purdue did those
8 studies, correct?

9 A. We're currently conducting those
10 studies.

11 Q. And it would submit --

12 (Document marked for
13 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-15.)

14 BY MR. CRUEGER:

15 Q. I'll just pass you what's been
16 labeled Exhibit 15.

17 So Exhibit 15 is a document
18 entitled "Overview and Interpretation of the
19 Post-Marketing Program to Assess the Effects of
20 Reformulated OxyContin on Opioid Abuse in 3
21 Formal Studies, 1 Drug Utilization Study, and
22 Contextual Studies," and it's dated September
23 2014.

24 Are you familiar with this study

1 or this -- this document, actually?

2 A. I'd have to get -- I'm vaguely
3 familiar with it. It appears to be -- we talked
4 about earlier postmarketing requirements have
5 update requirements, and this could be one of
6 those, but I'm not sure. I'd have to look at
7 it.

8 Q. Do you understand why Purdue
9 filed this document with the FDA? Let's just
10 start, did Purdue file this document with the
11 FDA?

12 A. This particular one? I'd have
13 to -- if there was a cover letter that
14 accompanied this, I'd know whether this was the
15 version that went to FDA. If you notice, it
16 says a study reported in July 2012 report. This
17 appears to be the next update, but I'm not --
18 without seeing additional documentation, I'm not
19 certain, but that's what it appears to be.

20 Q. Did you have any involvement
21 while you were at Purdue in submitting these
22 studies or these reports to the FDA?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. And assuming that this was

1 submitted to the FDA, can you explain just at a
2 very general high overview Purdue's purpose for
3 submitting this 2014 report?

4 A. Yeah, as I stated previously, the
5 postmarketing required studies, FDA gives time
6 months for submitting of the proposals, interim
7 reports and final study reports. This would --
8 could satisfy submitting one of those interim
9 reports.

10 Q. So but what -- what Purdue is
11 trying to do with this submission is report to
12 the FDA its view of what these studies are
13 showing on whether the abuse deterrent
14 formulation is effective at reducing abuse,
15 correct?

16 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

17 THE WITNESS: It's submitting an
18 interim report on the status of our
19 investigations. It talks here about
20 three formal studies, a drug utilization
21 study and contextual study, so it's a
22 number of studies, and this is an update
23 report on the current status of those,
24 as required.

1 BY MR. CRUEGER:

2 Q. And so if you look at page 5
3 quickly --

4 A. Five by the report number.

5 Q. Five by the actual page numbers,
6 yes.

7 A. Yeah.

8 Q. And there's a paragraph or
9 Section 1.4 Conclusions.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And just the first sentence,
12 "These findings indicate that abuse of OxyContin
13 decreased substantially after reformulation and
14 that these decreases have persisted up to three
15 years post-reformulation," correct? That's
16 what -- that's what that sentence says?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And that is what Purdue is
19 telling the FDA, correct?

20 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

21 THE WITNESS: That a conclusion
22 in an interim report about what the
23 findings indicate.

24 (Document marked for

1 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-16.)

2 BY MR. CRUEGER:

3 Q. So, Dr. Fanelli, what I've handed
4 you is Exhibit 16. Don't worry, we are not
5 going to parse through and read this thing.
6 I'm just ask -- actually, the only reason I'm
7 even giving it to you is just to ask you if,
8 first of all, if you can tell me, have you seen
9 this document before?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And can you tell me what the
12 document is?

13 A. This is a FDA briefing document
14 prepared prior to a scheduled advisory committee
15 meeting.

16 Q. And what is the briefing document
17 about?

18 A. The advisory committee -- it was
19 a joint advisory committee. I think we talked
20 about this yesterday, DSaRM is the safety group,
21 and AADPAC is the anesthesia group, Sharon Hertz
22 is the head of that FDA division, but this is --
23 those are the advisory committees, and it was to
24 discuss whether the reformulated OxyContin --

1 what the -- what the outcomes of those were, of
2 the reformulation.

3 Q. And you received this document,
4 correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 (Document marked for
7 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-17.)

8 BY MR. CRUEGER:

9 Q. So I'm going to hand you what is
10 17.

11 MR. SNAPP: Are we done with 16?

12 MR. CRUEGER: Yes.

13 MR. SNAPP: Thank you.

14 BY MR. CRUEGER:

15 Q. And so that briefing document
16 that was Exhibit 16, obviously, you and other
17 people at Purdue had read through that document,
18 correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you read through it because
21 you were going to have a meeting with the FDA on
22 July 7th and 8th of 2015, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And just from reading this

1 e-mail, is it safe to say that the FDA was not
2 persuaded by the evidence that Purdue had
3 produced so far that the reformulated OxyContin
4 had reduced abuse in the community?

5 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

6 THE WITNESS: What I would say is
7 briefing documents, and it says so, and
8 FDA said so, are the views of the
9 individual reviewers from the different
10 sections and that they're mentioned
11 here, the epidemiologic, the
12 statistician, and they're up for --
13 they're not a -- they're not a
14 conclusion of FDA, per se, but it's
15 providing reviews for the advisory
16 committee's view to look at.

17 BY MR. CRUEGER:

18 Q. And these reviews, from Purdue's
19 standpoint, were generally negative, correct?

20 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

21 THE WITNESS: There were
22 statements in there, yes, that we
23 believed would require more work for us
24 to address.

1 BY MR. CRUEGER:

2 Q. And that's this Exhibit 17, this
3 is an e-mail -- originally, it's actually two
4 e-mails. Originally, there is an e-mail that
5 seems to be from you, although it doesn't say
6 who -- who exactly it went to, correct? It
7 starts with the line that's on June 23rd, 2015?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So from that on downward, that's
10 the e-mail that you wrote, correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. And without going through them,
13 you had just highlighted a few quotes that you
14 took out of what is Exhibit 16, correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you sent them to Gail, if you
17 could pronounce her name correctly.

18 A. Her name is Dr. Gail Cawkwell.

19 Q. Okay. And her reaction was
20 "sigh," correct?

21 A. That's what it says.

22 (Document marked for
23 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-18.)

24 BY MR. CRUEGER:

1 Q. I'll hand you what's Exhibit 18.
2 You don't actually have to read through this
3 document. I'm not going to ask you about all
4 the contents. I'm more interested in just a few
5 parts of it, okay.

6 A. I just want to see what it is.

7 Q. Sure. Oh, feel free to read it.

8 A. Okay.

9 Q. I'm actually just more interested
10 in the first what is the -- it says, "dear EC
11 members." Before we get into that, this is an
12 e-mail from Gail Cawkwell to various people, and
13 it CCs you and other Purdue employees, correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And it attached that FDA briefing
16 document, that would be Exhibit 16, correct?

17 A. So it states there, yes.

18 Q. And it says -- what I'm
19 interested it says, "dear EC members," what is
20 the EC?

21 A. The executive committee -- stands
22 for the executive committee.

23 Q. Okay. And what is the executive
24 committee?

1 A. The to -- on the to line you see
2 the members of the executive committee.

3 Q. Okay. And but what does the
4 executive committee do?

5 A. Oh, it's heads of departments.

6 Q. Okay. Heads of departments in
7 Purdue?

8 A. Across Purdue.

9 Q. Okay. And who is Stuart Baker?

10 A. Stuart Baker, I'm not sure of his
11 title, he was a member of the executive
12 committee.

13 Q. Is he a Purdue employee?

14 A. I'm not -- I believe he is. I'm
15 not sure. He is an executive. Purdue has --
16 well, he's at Purdue.

17 Q. He's at Purdue?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So I'm just a little -- I just
20 want to -- is everyone in this to line on the
21 executive committee, are they all Purdue
22 employees?

23 A. I don't know if Stuart has -- is
24 an outside attorney or could be, I don't know

1 him that well.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. I was not a member of the
4 committee, but I know Stuart and everyone else,
5 yeah, on the to line, they make up the executive
6 committee.

7 Q. So you know Stuart, but you're
8 not quite sure if he's a Purdue employee?

9 A. Yes, I don't -- I don't know
10 his -- he works for the executives and the
11 board. I don't know what his title.

12 Q. Who does the executive committee
13 report to?

14 A. The CEO, who is also listed on
15 here. At the time it was Mark Timney.

16 Q. Do you know if the briefing
17 document, if it was sent to any of the owners of
18 Purdue Pharma, the Sackler family?

19 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

20 THE WITNESS: I am not aware.

21 BY MR. CRUEGER:

22 Q. I'm sorry. I didn't under -- I
23 didn't hear your answer to the question.

24 A. I apologize. I do not know.

1 (Document marked for
2 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-19.)

3 BY MR. CRUEGER:

4 Q. Sir, you've been handed Exhibit
5 19. This is an e-mail from you to Matthew
6 Sullivan, correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And it's June 26, 2015, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And the subject is Purdue's
11 decision on OxyContin SDNA?

12 A. SNDA.

13 Q. SNDA, and then it's a number,
14 S-026.

15 Just can you just quickly explain
16 what an SNDA is?

17 A. Sure. It's a supplemental new
18 drug application. Once a drug is approved the
19 first time, that's the NDA and any changes,
20 significant changes, of course, and this was
21 supplement -- FDA makes the identification
22 supplement number 26 for the OxyContin NDA.

23 Q. And does supplement number 26
24 have anything to do with the abuse deterrent

1 formulation?

2 A. It did.

3 Q. And what was it?

4 A. This supplement was a labeling
5 supplement to add the results that we've been
6 talking about of the postmarketing studies after
7 the change to the label with the data.

8 Q. So Purdue wanted to change the
9 label to add information -- strike that.

10 Purdue wanted to change the label
11 to add a statement that reformulated OxyContin
12 reduced abuse in the community?

13 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: So that -- FDA has
15 a guidance on information about opioids
16 in a label. I don't know if you want me
17 to go into this, I'll just very briefly.
18 The ones that you talked about first
19 approval with the labeling, those were
20 premarket studies, category 1 and
21 category 3, which are testing for
22 extraction, that's one. Three is abuse
23 liability studies, and FDA guidance is
24 pretty clear, and there are now I don't

1 know how many current today opioids.

2 There are numbers of them.

3 The last category, there's no
4 drug yet approved with category 4 it's
5 called, which is the real world data,
6 and that's what this was.

7 BY MR. CRUEGER:

8 Q. And what would that --
9 practically, how would that change the label for
10 the drug?

11 A. So there's a section, section 9
12 which talks about the abuse liability and
13 evidence, especially on these -- well, it's in
14 many drugs, a lot of classes, but for the
15 opioids, especially the abuse deterrent ones, it
16 describes the results of those studies.

17 Q. And that SNDA number 26 and the
18 studies, that's what we're referring to here in
19 this -- with this Exhibit 16, that FDA briefing
20 document, that's what that's talking about,
21 correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. And to sum up this e-mail that
24 you're sending to Matthew Sullivan, Matthew is

1 at the -- Matthew Sullivan is an FDA employee?

2 A. He's a project manager in
3 Dr. Hertz's division.

4 Q. And it's canceling the meeting
5 that you were going to have with the FDA on I
6 guess July 7th and 8th, 2015?

7 A. It's withdrawing the supplement
8 is what this is about.

9 Q. Does that also cancel the meeting
10 then?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And who made the decision to
13 withdraw the supplement?

14 A. It was a decision -- I think the
15 executive committee, maybe not all members. I
16 don't remember who made -- you know, who was
17 involved in that but members of the executive
18 committee.

19 Q. Was it your decision?

20 A. Not alone.

21 Q. Were you involved in the
22 decision?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you know what the basis for

1 the decision was to withdraw the application?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What was it?

4 A. Based on -- and you see it also
5 talks about having a discussion with Dr. Hertz
6 and Dr. Staffa at FDA. Based on their review of
7 the data and it was clear that more work had to
8 be done prior to changing of the label. So the
9 discussions were around continuing that work to
10 address those limitations that they pointed out.

11 Q. Now, this -- Purdue's efforts on
12 this abuse deterrent formulation and working
13 with the FDA, is this a -- does Purdue view
14 abuse deterrent formulation as a way -- as a way
15 to keep out generics?

16 A. The goal of the abuse deterrent
17 formulation is to address the abuse of the
18 product.

19 Q. And Purdue would like to be able
20 to use the abuse deterrent formulation in its
21 marketing?

22 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

23 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what
24 you mean by "marketing."

1 BY MR. CRUEGER:

2 Q. Do you know whether Purdue wants
3 to use any of the abuse deterrent formulation --
4 strike that.

5 Do you know whether Purdue wants
6 to use the ADF in its marketing to sell
7 OxyContin?

8 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

9 THE WITNESS: Currently, we don't
10 have a sales force and we are not using
11 them in the promotion of our products.

12 BY MR. CRUEGER:

13 Q. I guess my question is are you
14 using this abuse deterrent -- are you using the
15 abuse deterrent label in any way to sell the
16 product that you know of?

17 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: The abuse deterrent
19 was designed to address issues around
20 misuse/abuse, and that's the goal, and
21 that's why we're commercializing it as
22 an abuse deterrent.

23 BY MR. CRUEGER:

24 Q. And are you aware whether Purdue

1 is trying to use the abuse deterrent formulation
2 to limit generic competition?

3 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

4 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of
5 anything like that.

6 MR. CRUEGER: Just give you
7 what's labeled Exhibit 20.

8 (Document marked for
9 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-20.)

10 BY MR. CRUEGER:

11 Q. By the way, Purdue sells what's
12 often referred to as branded drugs, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So and what that means is
15 OxyContin is a branded drug, correct?

16 A. I would -- yes.

17 Q. And Purdue does not sell --
18 Purdue Pharma does not sell generics, correct?

19 A. Correct, currently.

20 Q. And as a branded -- a distributor
21 of a branded product, Purdue would like to limit
22 generic competition, correct?

23 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

24 THE WITNESS: I have no answer to

1 that.

2 BY MR. CRUEGER:

3 Q. Well, you were at Purdue in 2004
4 when it lost patent protection on original
5 OxyContin, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. And that had a substantial
8 negative impact on Purdue, correct?

9 A. Correct.

10 Q. Because it allowed generics to
11 come into the market and compete against Purdue,
12 correct?

13 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: It resulted in a
15 reduction in the sale of the branded
16 product, yes.

17 BY MR. CRUEGER:

18 Q. Right, from generic competition,
19 correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And do you know what Purdue sales
22 of OxyContin, original formulated OxyContin were
23 prior to it losing patent protection?

24 A. I don't know the numbers.

1 Q. Was it around \$2 billion?

2 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

3 THE WITNESS: It might have been.

4 It was something like that.

5 BY MR. CRUEGER:

6 Q. And then it went down to -- with
7 generic competition after about a year, it was
8 down to about 6 or \$700 million?

9 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

10 THE WITNESS: I don't know the
11 exact number, but it was a significant
12 reduction.

13 BY MR. CRUEGER:

14 Q. And it resulted in layoffs at
15 Purdue?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. A reduction of the sales force,
18 correct?

19 A. I'm not part of that business. I
20 believe so, but I don't know what happened in
21 other areas outside of my area.

22 Q. And just really the whole point
23 of this is generic competition doesn't really --
24 is something Purdue would like to avoid,

1 correct?

2 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

3 THE WITNESS: It's not part of

4 our business.

5 BY MR. CRUEGER:

6 Q. Well, I don't think someone

7 competing against you is part of anyone's

8 business.

9 What I'm saying is you would --
10 you, Purdue, would not want generics to compete
11 against reformulated OxyContin, correct?

12 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: There are, based on
14 exclusivity, we would -- yes, that's
15 important that those are maintained, the
16 exclusivity.

17 BY MR. CRUEGER:

18 Q. So going back to this Exhibit 20
19 that I handed you, it's a 2015 e-mail.

20 A. Correct. 2015, yeah.

21 Q. The e-mail that's interesting is
22 the one that you sent to Douglas Throckmorton.

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. And he's at FDA, correct?

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. And the e-mail just summarizes --
3 it sounds like a discussion and some points that
4 you wanted to put in writing to convey to the
5 FDA, correct?

6 A. Correct.

7 Q. And I just wondering a little bit
8 about what some of those points are.

9 So one of them is the
10 clarification of the scope of ADF exclusivity,
11 it's the second point you make.

12 Do you see that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Can you explain what you're
15 really talking about there?

16 A. Sure. So this was a meeting
17 about opioid abuse deterrents with -- I can't
18 remember all the attendees from FDA side, but
19 Gail Cawkwell, Robin Abrams and myself with FDA,
20 including Dr. Throckmorton, and we discussed a
21 number of topics.

22 That particular one, FDA has made
23 statements, recently as well, about the value of
24 abuse deterrents in this class of drugs and has

1 made statements about exclusivity around those
2 properties.

3 Q. In other words, to boil all that
4 down when we're talking about exclusivity, that
5 means the FDA would grant some sort of
6 exclusivity to limit generic competition for an
7 ADF formulation?

8 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

9 THE WITNESS: So products get --
10 we talked about that I think
11 yesterday -- get exclusivity based on
12 products, class and supplements, you
13 know, the nature of the data in order to
14 incentivize doing that work, and that's
15 what that discussion was.

16 BY MR. CRUEGER:

17 Q. But again, I just want to make
18 sure I understand what you're saying, because I
19 think the -- isn't the perhaps more blunt but
20 concise way of saying it is you want exclusivity
21 for developing the abuse deterrent formulation?

22 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

23 THE WITNESS: Correct.

24 BY MR. CRUEGER:

1 Q. Well, the points aren't numbered,
2 it's the point that starts with "class-wide."

3 You see where I am? It's third
4 from the bottom, third point from the bottom.

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. So it says, "Class-wide
7 immediate-release opioid labeling to reflect
8 demonstrated substantial abuse and addiction
9 risk of such products."

10 What did you mean by that?

11 A. So I don't have the -- a
12 transcript of this, but these are some of the
13 discussions that we had. I can't remember who
14 brought it up first, but FDA actually has taken
15 steps related to that. All of the IRs now have
16 a boxed warning. They all are, as of very
17 recently, changed the boxed warning and include
18 statements about the REMS, and they're now part
19 of the REMS, so that are the kinds of things
20 that were discussed.

21 Q. And that's something that you
22 wanted, that boxed warning?

23 A. We didn't get to specifics of,
24 you know, to that level, but to point out that

1 there is substantial abuse of those
2 immediate-release products.

3 Q. So what Purdue wanted and what
4 you were conveying here is you wanted the label
5 changed for immediate-release opioids to reflect
6 a substantial abuse and addiction risk, correct?

7 A. No. There was a discussion -- as
8 I said, I don't remember who brought it up or
9 how it was brought up. This whole discussion,
10 we've had two or three of them now that I've
11 been involved in, meeting with FDA leadership
12 about actions we're taking or ways to address,
13 we talked about the opioid crisis, and that was
14 one that we talked about was by increasing those
15 warnings on IR products because of the amount of
16 abuse that's in that -- those group of products
17 would be beneficial to address that issue.

18 Q. So -- and your extended-release
19 OxyContin product competes against the
20 immediate-release products, correct?

21 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

22 THE WITNESS: The actual -- the
23 labeling for OxyContin talks about a
24 limitations of use that -- and we could

1 read it, but after -- OxyContin is only
2 to be prescribed, at least as listed in
3 the limitations of use, after other
4 agents are tried and it includes
5 immediate release.

6 BY MR. CRUEGER:

7 Q. Right, but after -- in the world
8 of the market, one of the drugs that OxyContin
9 extended-release or any extended-release product
10 competes against would be an immediate-release
11 product, correct?

12 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: So I don't know
14 what you mean by "competes."

15 You know, prescribers make a
16 determination whether an IR opiate is
17 appropriate or an extended-release.
18 They don't have the same indication, so
19 they're not in the same class.

20 BY MR. CRUEGER:

21 Q. Well, would you agree, Dr.
22 Fanelli, when I -- when I read through all the
23 points that we're making, they all look like
24 points that Purdue is discussing with the FDA to

1 in one way or other restrict people from
2 competing with your reformulated OxyContin
3 product?

4 A. No, that's not how --

5 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

6 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

7 These discussions with FDA did
8 not include commercial discussions.
9 They were all about addressing opiate
10 abuse and what steps we could take to
11 address that.

12 BY MR. CRUEGER:

13 Q. So what -- what is the branded
14 industry working group?

15 A. So that's not the -- I'm not
16 that -- I've heard of it, and without seeing
17 documents, I can't remember which exact project
18 that is.

19 Q. Do you have more than one like
20 industry -- branded industry working group?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So what do they -- how many of
23 them are there?

24 A. There -- the one that I'm -- the

1 regulatory representative for the branded
2 industry is related to the class-wide PMR
3 requirements, those 11 studies. I am the
4 regulatory representative of all those companies
5 to the FDA, FDA liaison function. So, as a
6 matter of fact, I got an FDA e-mail that they
7 want to talk to the brand -- but it -- so it
8 depends on what you're talking about and what
9 the timing is.

10 (Document marked for
11 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-21.)

12 BY MR. CRUEGER:

13 Q. So this one seems to be about --
14 this Exhibit 21 that I've handed you --

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. -- this one is an evaluation of
17 abuse deterrent properties of opioid drug
18 products.

19 So that would be a different
20 industry working group?

21 A. So -- yes. And I attended, I
22 think I was on there, I know Purdue had
23 representation, I don't know if it was myself or
24 Todd, I know about it.

1 FDA had a public meeting about
2 evaluation of the abuse deterrent properties of
3 opiate drugs. We talked about there are
4 guidances that are out there about the different
5 categories of studies. This is looking at
6 premarket evaluation, how those studies are
7 conducted. And, actually, the guidance for the
8 branded products was already out there. FDA had
9 made public statements that they were going to
10 be providing abuse deterrent guidance for the
11 generic products as well so that to help those
12 products know what they needed to do to get
13 approval.

14 Q. So I just noticed this isn't
15 Bates numbered, so it must have come from a
16 native file, so we'll have to get the Bates
17 number for it, but -- so if you go to I think
18 it's page 10 it says "OD Opioid Development:
19 Category 1 Studies" at the top.

20 A. Yes, I'm on that page.

21 Q. About -- it's closer to the
22 bottom, it's actually, it's a point that's above
23 formulation plus process equals AD
24 characteristics, there's a -- like a double

1 indented subpoint there.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do you see that?

4 A. I think so, yeah. It starts with
5 "risk."

6 Q. So "risk of approving generic AD
7 products would non-equivalent abuse deterrent
8 properties."

9 What risk is this referring to?

10 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

11 THE WITNESS: Again, we talked
12 about category 1 studies. Those are
13 studies that in vitro testing, looking
14 at different solutions, whether in a
15 test tube, you could extract the agent
16 and although -- I believe although,
17 again, it's been a while, and I didn't
18 write this particular statement, but I
19 was -- I can't remember if I was at the
20 meeting or read the transcripts, but the
21 issue there was if a generic drug -- if
22 the branded drug has certain abuse
23 deterrent properties demonstrated by
24 those studies, it would be important

1 that a generic of that drug had at least
2 the same abuse deterrents, and FDA has
3 now, as a matter of fact, in a recent
4 advisory committee looking at not
5 generics but branded products in a
6 similar -- for a similar molecule and
7 are evaluating the same.

8 It's difficult to do because, you
9 know, these different studies and they
10 have different technologies, you talked
11 about hardness, and there's different
12 technologies, and there's -- there was a
13 statement that would be important that a
14 generic is at least as abuse deterrent
15 as the brand.

16 Q. And so that would be a standard
17 that a generic would have to meet before it
18 could get approval, correct?

19 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

20 THE WITNESS: This was a
21 discussion of what should be in that
22 guidance, and that was talking about
23 that, yes.

24 BY MR. CRUEGER:

1 Q. And then if you go to the fifth
2 page it says "Public Health Imperative."

3 A. Back to the front five, okay.

4 Q. And so just -- so this is the --
5 an industry group presentation to the FDA,
6 correct?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And it's Purdue and it's all the
9 other companies that are listed on page 2. I'm
10 not going to read them off.

11 A. I see that, yes.

12 Q. And on this page it talks about
13 the "opioid epidemic requires action from
14 multiple stakeholders to address the crisis,"
15 correct?

16 A. Yeah, I'd like to point out on
17 page 2 there's a statement at the bottom, the
18 views expressed in this presentation represent
19 the best available consensus of the branded
20 industry working group as a whole. So remember
21 this was a public meeting where there was
22 discussion of these topics. These are views --
23 it's not each of those companies did not sign
24 off on each of these views, but just to put that

1 in context.

2 Q. But there seems to be a consensus
3 at least on what's in this PowerPoint, correct?

4 A. That's what -- yes, that's how it
5 was designed.

6 Q. And so there's also then a
7 consensus on actions that are required to
8 address the crisis, correct?

9 A. There are some statements in here
10 addressing that, but that wasn't the focus of
11 the meeting.

12 Q. No, but they're in the
13 PowerPoint, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And so there's a consensus on
16 what an FDA opioid action plan, correct?

17 A. That's stated there, yes.

18 Q. And then there's a consensus on
19 treating the problem, what's needed to treat the
20 problem, correct?

21 A. Mm-hmm.

22 Q. And this includes medicated --
23 medication assisted therapy for addiction,
24 correct?

1 A. Mm-hmm, yes.

2 Q. And then the third part, and
3 so -- so just actually -- so does the FDA --
4 there's treatment is another way to remedy the
5 problem, correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And then the third part of this
8 prong supposedly is abuse deterrent opioids,
9 correct?

10 A. That's the third listed here.

11 Q. Right. And that's just one -- it
12 even says in here it's just one component of
13 this multi-faceted approach, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. CRUEGER: Just for the
16 record, so Exhibit 21 was produced to us
17 as Bates number PPLPC01600319013, and it
18 was labeled highly confidential, subject
19 to protective order. If you just want
20 to take a quick break, and then we'll
21 come back and wrap it all up.

22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right.

23 The time is 4:04 p.m., going off the
24 record.

1 (Brief recess.)

2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on
3 the record. The time is 4:22 p.m.

4 BY MR. CRUEGER:

5 Q. Dr. Fanelli, we're looking at
6 Exhibit 15. You have that in front of you,
7 correct?

8 A. I do.

9 Q. If you turn to page 45, and
10 before I ask you any questions, this document
11 is -- this was prepared by Purdue, correct?

12 A. I believe so. I don't see any
13 author, and we talked about that earlier, I
14 don't see the cover for this. It has a
15 demarcation of our NDA, so either by Purdue or
16 for Purdue.

17 Q. Okay. If you go to page 45,
18 that's paragraph 3.13. It's called "Prescribing
19 Patterns Among Potentially High Risk
20 Prescribers."

21 Do you see me, where I'm at?

22 A. Yes, I see.

23 Q. The first sentence starts with
24 "using IMS Exponent data."

1 Do you know what IMS Exponent
2 data is?

3 A. I do not. I know what IMS is,
4 but I don't know what Exponent data are.

5 Q. So what is IMS?

6 A. It's a -- I guess it's a
7 business, I'm not even that aware of what their
8 -- my understanding is they provide to
9 prescription -- or to pharmaceutical companies
10 data about prescription of their products.

11 Q. So but what can happen is a
12 company like Purdue can go to IMS and buy data
13 about prescriptions that are being written for
14 OxyContin, for example?

15 A. That's my --

16 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

17 THE WITNESS: That's my
18 understanding.

19 BY MR. CRUEGER:

20 Q. Okay. And if you could quickly
21 read that section, so I can just ask you
22 questions about it, this page 45 to 46.

23 A. (Witness reviews document.)

24 Those two pages, yeah.

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. So I finished.

3 Q. So just to try to quickly
4 summarize what this is, this is Purdue is trying
5 to show a benefit of its reformulated OxyContin
6 drug, correct?

7 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

8 THE WITNESS: What we're
9 reporting on are data that we have. I
10 don't even know -- results that we have
11 on investigations we were doing around
12 the abuse deterrence, and these are the
13 data.

14 BY MR. CRUEGER:

15 Q. And so what Purdue did is it went
16 out and it purchased the data about the
17 prescription practices of 321 doctors who
18 they've identified as engaging in potentially
19 suspicious or questionable prescribing, correct?

20 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

21 THE WITNESS: I'm not -- this is
22 a summary. I'm not that familiar with
23 the details to this level. Oh, I see
24 where you quoted the number. I see that

1 now, that's what it states, yes, 312.

2 BY MR. CRUEGER:

3 Q. And it's -- what Purdue has done
4 is it's purchased the data to show the
5 prescribing practices of these 321 doctors in
6 prescribing 80-milligram OxyContin, correct, the
7 graph on page 46?

8 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

9 THE WITNESS: So what that
10 graph -- as I'm seeing this, I don't
11 remember seeing this report that we're
12 talking about. It looks like reports
13 over time related to the OxyContin
14 reformulation, yes.

15 BY MR. CRUEGER:

16 Q. And what Purdue is doing is
17 they're showing the change in prescriptions for
18 80-milligram OxyContin to prescriptions of
19 40-milligram Opana ER, correct?

20 A. Those are the two graphs there,
21 yes.

22 Q. And what it's showing is that
23 when Purdue introduced the reformulated
24 OxyContin, it showed a drop in prescriptions of

1 80-milligram OxyContin by these identified --
2 these 321 prescribers, correct?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And at the same time it shows an
5 increase in prescriptions by these same
6 prescribers of the Opana ER 40-milligram,
7 correct?

8 A. That's what's shown on that
9 graph, yes.

10 Q. And the inference that is -- one
11 of the inferences, would you agree that Purdue
12 wants to be drawn from this -- these two graphs
13 is that these doctors stop prescribing
14 reformulated OxyContin because of the
15 reformulation, correct?

16 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

17 THE WITNESS: Again, this is an
18 interim report, but what it states
19 there, these reserve changes are
20 consistent with reduced diversion
21 following the introduction of the
22 reformulation.

23 BY MR. CRUEGER:

24 Q. Well, that's what's interesting,

1 so it's showing -- these are really two graphs
2 about diversion; are they not?

3 A. It's a trend of prescriptions.

4 Q. But they're a trend of
5 prescriptions among prescribers that Purdue has
6 identified as engaging in suspicious or
7 questionable prescribing activities, correct?

8 A. Correct.

9 Q. And it shows a reduction in
10 OxyContin once reformulated OxyContin is
11 introduced, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And it shows a corresponding
14 increase in Opana ER 40-milligram prescriptions,
15 correct?

16 A. There is an increase of Opana.

17 Q. And so isn't this just Purdue
18 showing how it can actually track, if it really
19 wants to, suspected diversion at the prescriber
20 level?

21 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

22 THE WITNESS: So, again, this
23 is -- there are a number of studies,
24 and, as we talked about a little while

1 ago, each has their limitations, has to
2 be interpreted based on those
3 limitations, but this is part of the
4 data that's presented and --

5 BY MR. CRUEGER:

6 Q. Do you know if -- do you know if
7 Purdue shared any of this data and information
8 with state or federal law enforcement?

9 A. I'm not aware of that, whether or
10 not.

11 (Document marked for
12 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-22.)

13 BY MR. CRUEGER:

14 Q. I'll just hand you what's labeled
15 Exhibit 22.

16 A. Oh, sorry, I got it.

17 Q. So the e-mail, in general,
18 they're referring to Grunenthal, and that's a
19 German company that Purdue licensed patents that
20 cover some of the ADF technology, correct?

21 A. Yes. I'm not that familiar with
22 those patents, but I've -- that's my
23 understanding as well.

24 Q. And McGinity, is that -- that's

1 another patent that Purdue licensed, correct?

2 A. That's my understanding.

3 Q. It's referred to commonly as the
4 University of Texas patent?

5 A. I'm not aware of that.

6 Q. What I'm interested in is they're
7 talking about -- talking about maybe that Rhodes
8 would also license the patents, correct?

9 A. So there's discussion of that. I
10 have never -- I don't recall ever -- I'm not
11 copied on this e-mail and wouldn't be. These
12 kinds of conversations, discussions are not part
13 of regulatory.

14 Q. I'm actually not even going to
15 ask you about the licensing.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. I'm actually going to ask you, it
18 says in the middle of this e-mail, it says, "I
19 encouraged them to talk to Jon Sackler before
20 they conclude."

21 Do you see what I'm reading on
22 the cover page?

23 A. On the first page, yeah.

24 Q. Who is Jon Sackler?

1 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

2 THE WITNESS: He's, I believe,
3 although has been, I think, a board
4 member, but, again, I don't -- that's
5 where I -- my interactions with Jon
6 Sackler have been is at board meetings.

7 BY MR. CRUEGER:

8 Q. So he's a member of the Sackler
9 family?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Does he play an active role in
12 Purdue Pharma?

13 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

14 BY MR. CRUEGER:

15 Q. That you're aware of?

16 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

17 THE WITNESS: He's at board
18 meetings where they make decisions, yes.

19 BY MR. CRUEGER:

20 Q. Does he have an office at Purdue
21 Pharma?

22 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

23 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure.

24 BY MR. CRUEGER:

1 Q. In your role, you work with
2 attorneys a lot at Purdue Pharma?

3 A. I don't know what you mean by "a
4 lot," but we talked about MRL, so medical,
5 regulatory and law, so there are law individuals
6 on the teams reviewing material, for instance.
7 There's a regulatory attorney who is part of
8 project team, so I do work with the law
9 department.

10 Q. And I don't know if you would
11 know, but there's approximately 5,000 plus
12 e-mails of yours that have been designated as
13 confi -- as withheld under the attorney-client
14 privilege.

15 What's your understanding of the
16 attorney-client privilege?

17 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: I don't have a -- I
19 understand that it's related to
20 confidentiality between attorney and
21 client, but that's the extent of it.

22 BY MR. CRUEGER:

23 Q. And when do you include an
24 attorney on an e-mail and when do you not?

1 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

2 BY MR. CRUEGER:

3 Q. Is there any sort of --

4 A. It would depend on the project.

5 Q. Did you have any guidance or
6 training on when to include attorneys on e-mails
7 and when not?

8 A. I would include attorneys -- for
9 instance, we talked about it, if they're part of
10 the project that I'm dealing with. They would
11 be included -- there are attorneys on the -- the
12 executive committee we talked about, so that's
13 when they would be included.

14 Q. And do a lot of the attorneys
15 that you do work with, are they actually more in
16 the area of giving you business advice, or is it
17 legal advice, or is it a mix of the two?

18 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

19 THE WITNESS: Not business --
20 what do you mean by "business advice"?

21 BY MR. CRUEGER:

22 Q. Well, what would you mean by
23 legal advice? I mean, isn't -- you have to know
24 the difference between the two, don't you?

1 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

2 THE WITNESS: The advice that I
3 get is related to laws and regulations
4 around development and approval of
5 products, so that's what it would be
6 about.

7 MR. CRUEGER: Okay. I have no
8 further questions.

9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the
10 record?

11 MR. CRUEGER: Yes.

12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Stand by. The
13 time is 4:38 p.m., off the record.

14 (Pause.)

15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on
16 the record. The time is 4:45 p.m.

17 BY MR. STEWART:

18 Q. Dr. Fanelli, you said moments ago
19 that you had interactions with Jon Sackler at
20 Purdue board meetings.

21 Do you recall that?

22 A. Jon Sackler was present at board
23 meetings, yes, that I would see --

24 Q. That's when you would interact

1 with him?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And how many Purdue board
4 meetings do you think you've spoken at or
5 presented at in your career at Purdue?

6 A. It would be a very rough guess, a
7 dozen maybe.

8 Q. Do Purdue board meetings, do they
9 take minutes?

10 A. Do they --

11 Q. Do they take minutes of
12 proceedings?

13 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: Not that I have
15 been given.

16 BY MR. STEWART:

17 Q. Okay. You just don't know?

18 A. I don't know.

19 Q. Are board meetings recorded that
20 you know?

21 A. I don't know.

22 Q. In some of the dozen -- estimated
23 dozen times you've been before the board, have
24 you given written presentations, brought

1 materials?

2 A. A few times, slide decks.

3 Q. Okay. Have you given any
4 presentations to the board related to OxyContin?

5 A. Not that I recall.

6 Q. Do you think you'd recall that?

7 A. I wouldn't have been specifically
8 OxyContin. It might have been on talking about
9 something in general of our products.

10 Q. Have you talked to the board --
11 well, tell me, what do you remember about the
12 times you attended board meetings and presented?

13 A. I can give you a couple examples.

14 Q. Sure.

15 A. As the head of regulatory, Purdue
16 was looking at a biologic product, so that's a
17 typical thing. The board was interested in what
18 are the requirements for approval of a biologic
19 product. So I gave a presentation regarding
20 that. And the other one I remember well was --
21 or at least that I remember is related to
22 buprenorphine development and the requirements.

23 Q. Do you remember any board
24 meetings about addiction and abuse relating to

1 OxyContin?

2 A. The general topic or --

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. Not that I recall.

5 Q. Do you remember any board meeting
6 at which you were brought in to discuss a safety
7 issue relating to OxyContin?

8 A. I don't recall being in the
9 meeting or -- no.

10 Q. What meeting are you referring to
11 when you say "being in the meeting"?

12 A. So besides attending board
13 meetings, I would prepare documents, regulatory
14 portions, for instance, the head of R&D, who I
15 would report to, was giving a presentation, and
16 I would give portions. For instance, we're
17 developing an abuse deterrent, the one I
18 mentioned about IR, there was an advisory
19 committee, and I presented what the plans were
20 to address that, those kinds of things.

21 Q. Where if we wanted to give all of
22 the meetings and documents that you prepared for
23 presentation to the Purdue board, what's the
24 easiest way to get -- to assemble that material?

1 A. Those -- the ones that I would
2 produce I believe are on my computer.

3 Q. Do you know whether records are
4 kept of the materials that are brought before
5 the board of Purdue and its respective
6 committees?

7 A. I don't know the handling of
8 those documents.

9 (Document marked for
10 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-23.)

11 BY MR. STEWART:

12 Q. I'd like to turn your attention
13 to 23, which is a clipped group of documents.
14 And Bates numbers appear to be contiguous.
15 Could you turn -- well, first of all, could you
16 read the front page of Exhibit 23. Tell me if
17 you recognize it.

18 A. (Witness reviews document.) I
19 recognize it, yes.

20 Q. What is it?

21 A. So this is dated -- hold on --
22 dated May 2015, part of preparing for any
23 advisory committee, as part of that, the SOP we
24 talked about yesterday, it's not really an SOP

1 but a planning document, there are practice
2 sessions, and looking at this, I don't recall
3 this specific document, but it says it's a draft
4 briefing document in preparation of that meeting
5 is what the author is saying.

6 Q. And turn the page to the page
7 that's marked 4178.

8 A. Mm-hmm.

9 Q. Do you see that? Do you see that
10 in this thread of e-mails is an e-mail that you
11 wrote?

12 A. Mm-hmm.

13 Q. And do you see that you're
14 talking about the preparation for the FDA
15 advisory committee?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And what were you all preparing
18 to do before the FDA advisory committee?

19 A. So all advisory committees have
20 presentations by the sponsor, and that was what
21 we were preparing -- I think, hold on a second.
22 That's what we would be doing in a practice
23 session, practice, sorry.

24 Q. And can you turn to the page

1 marked 4180.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And do you see that this is the
4 cover page of the document that you're routing
5 around entitled "Advisory Committee Briefing
6 Materials"?

7 A. That's what it says, yes.

8 Q. And is this a draft of materials
9 that ultimately would be provided to the FDA
10 advisory committee?

11 A. That's what a draft briefing
12 document -- there's requirements by sponsors to
13 provide a briefing package to the committees, to
14 the FDA.

15 Q. The point is you're pointing
16 something together that ultimately would be
17 given to the FDA advisory committee?

18 A. Yes, this is a draft of that
19 piece.

20 Q. Okay. It's something that the
21 company is going to use to communicate with the
22 FDA?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And do you remember what the

1 advisory committee, the FDA advisory committee
2 meeting on July 7th, 8th, 2015 was going to be
3 discussing?

4 A. Yes, the reformulated OxyContin
5 and this data related to it. As we discussed,
6 that was related to a supplement we had
7 submitted to add the category 4 data to the
8 label, package insert.

9 Q. I take it when you present
10 materials to an FDA advisory committee, you're
11 attempting to present truthful and accurate
12 materials?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Could you turn to page -- the
15 page marked 4267.

16 A. It's in the second part. 4267?

17 Q. Yeah.

18 A. Okay.

19 Q. And do you see there's a number
20 12, and next to the number 12 on page that's
21 marked 4267, there's a heading that says
22 "Supportive Study 9: Changes in Doctor-Shopping
23 Rates for OxyContin and Comparator Opioids"?

24 A. I see that, yes.

1 Q. Does that describe a study that
2 Purdue conducted?

3 A. It was part of the package of
4 studies, the data that were submitted at that
5 time. Purdue conducted -- Purdue was involved
6 in it. I'm not sure who conducted that study.

7 Q. Was it -- put it this way, is
8 Purdue relying on the study in its presentation
9 to the FDA?

10 A. We are showing these -- this is
11 a -- I don't have the final document, but this
12 is a draft of what was deemed might -- could end
13 up in that document to FDA.

14 Q. Was there a final document that
15 was submitted to the FDA for the advisory
16 meeting that was held in 2015?

17 A. There was.

18 Q. So there was a final document, a
19 final version of the document that we're looking
20 at now produced to the FDA?

21 A. I believe there was.

22 Q. Okay. So if we wanted to know
23 the final statement that Purdue made to the FDA,
24 we'd want to look at that final version and see

1 if anything changed from this version, fair?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Okay. Summarizing this study, is
4 this a study where Purdue is presenting
5 information from the IMS, a prescription
6 database, that calculates doctor shopping rates
7 for particular products?

8 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

9 THE WITNESS: It's stated, again,
10 these are -- there's many studies in
11 here, some pivotal -- not pivotal --
12 some prime, some supportive, that at the
13 time were under investigation.

14 This is -- the source is IMS
15 database, and it's one of the studies
16 that was ongoing.

17 BY MR. STEWART:

18 Q. Do you see on page 4268 the last
19 paragraph on the page it says, "Product-specific
20 doctor-shopping rates were estimated for each
21 6-month calendar interval. The prescriptions of
22 a specific product, (e.g. OxyContin) for each
23 patient were aligned by prescription start date
24 and number of days supply."

1 Do you see that?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. I mean, what this paragraph sets
4 out is the methodology of a measurement of
5 doctor shopping; is that fair?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And then could you turn to page
8 4271.

9 A. I'm sorry, 42?

10 Q. 71.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And do you see there's a graph on
13 the top of 4271 entitled "Change in
14 doctor-shopping rates for objection from
15 pre-to-post-reformulation, by number of doctors
16 and pharmacies with overlapping prescriptions"?

17 A. Yes, I see that.

18 Q. So what this study is showing
19 here is a measurement of the change in doctor
20 shopping that this study suggests occurred
21 between the pre -- the time when you had
22 preformulated OxyContin and then the
23 post-reformulated OxyContin; is that fair?

24 A. Yes.

1 Q. Okay. Can you turn to page 4272.
2 And do you see on page 4272 there's a heading 13
3 entitled "Supportive Study 10: Changes in
4 OxyContin Diversion with Reformulation in the
5 RADARS Drug Diversion Program"?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And do you see -- do you recall
8 this study?

9 A. No, I do not.

10 Q. Okay. I take it if it's being
11 reported to the FDA, then at least in the final
12 version, you're going to have an accurate
13 description of the study provided to the FDA
14 advisory committee?

15 A. So, again, there are studies both
16 within Purdue and across Purdue about doctor
17 shopping. This is a draft, an accurate draft of
18 the methodology that were conducted and at the
19 time what the results were, if that's what
20 you're asking.

21 Q. That's correct.

22 And do you see -- turn to page
23 4274. Do you see that there's a table 21 and it
24 shows "Changes in Rates of Diversion After

1 Reformulation of OxyContin in the RADARS Drug
2 Diversion Study"?

3 Do you see that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And do you see at the top line
6 it's got OxyContin and it shows the changing
7 rates of diversion over time?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And while this is a draft report,
10 I take it you'd agree that what Purdue presented
11 to the FDA advisory committee is an analysis of
12 changes in diversion over time of OxyContin,
13 among other information?

14 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

15 THE WITNESS: So it never went to
16 an advisory committee. What we were --
17 this would have been a briefing document
18 to FDA, and as we talked earlier, that
19 advisory committee was postponed.

20 BY MR. STEWART:

21 Q. It was submitted to the FDA, but,
22 ultimately, the advisory committee itself didn't
23 receive it is what you're saying?

24 A. Correct.

1 Q. Okay. I think we've covered
2 this, but could you turn back to page 4272. Do
3 you see there's a Section 13.2 Population that
4 states, "individuals identified by law
5 enforcement officers as engaging in diversion of
6 prescription opioids. In the 4th quarter 2013,
7 there were 219 participating agencies in 49
8 states covering 28% of the population."

9 Do you see that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. That's a description of the
12 RADARS coverage?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Do you happen to know which state
15 is not included?

16 A. I do not.

17 Q. Do you know whether Tennessee is
18 the -- is included in the 49 states covered by
19 RADARS?

20 A. I do not.

21 Q. Turn to page 4276, and do you see
22 there's a paragraph 14 entitled "Supportive
23 Study 11: OxyContin Prescribing Patterns Among
24 Potentially High Risk Prescribers"?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you recall this study?

3 A. No, not in detail -- well, no. I
4 know that there was a study related to ADD that
5 was part of Paul's -- Dr. Coplan's write-up at
6 the time. I don't remember the details.

7 Q. Do you remember that prescribing
8 habits of doctors who had been identified as
9 potentially involved in diversion were compared
10 to the prescribing habits of doctors who had not
11 been so identified by Purdue?

12 A. So we talked about that earlier.
13 I was not -- I do not recall prior to today what
14 the details were of that particular study.

15 Q. We'd have to look in the study to
16 see the exact -- the best place to look to
17 figure out what the details were or a good place
18 would be in this report right here, fair?

19 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

20 THE WITNESS: This report is a
21 draft description of that study, yes.

22 BY MR. STEWART:

23 Q. Right. You would find that a
24 description of the study is reliable, assuming

1 it didn't change between this draft and the
2 final report, fair?

3 A. The final briefing document,
4 correct.

5 Q. We could look at that to see the
6 population endpoint methods, results of the
7 study and so forth, fair?

8 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

9 THE WITNESS: Yes.

10 BY MR. STEWART:

11 Q. Do you know if Purdue ever
12 conducted a study where they took these doctors
13 that had been identified as potentially involved
14 in diversion and compared their habits to other
15 doctors and then used that as a means of
16 determining other doctors that were probably
17 involved in diversion?

18 A. I missed the --

19 Q. Sure. We just talked about a
20 study where Purdue compared the prescribing
21 habits of doctors that were potentially -- had
22 been identified as potentially involved in
23 diversion by Purdue and Purdue -- strike that.
24 Let's get this clear.

1 We just talked about a study
2 where Purdue took doctors in its Region 0
3 program that it had already identified as
4 potentially involved in diversion and compared
5 them to the broader population of prescribers;
6 is that what we just talked about?

7 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

8 THE WITNESS: Yes.

9 BY MR. STEWART:

10 Q. And there what Purdue is trying
11 to suggest is that diversion among these doctors
12 associated with diversion had gone down, fair?

13 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: We're showing
15 the -- what happens to the prescriptions
16 among those doctors after the
17 reformulation. That's what we're
18 showing.

19 BY MR. STEWART:

20 Q. So you've got these
21 characteristics of doctors that Purdue suspects
22 as being involved in diversion.

23 Do you know if Purdue ever looked
24 at the other doctors in its population of

1 prescribers to find out which ones met the same
2 criteria in terms of cash payments, high levels
3 of prescribing, prescribing high dose OxyContin
4 to find other doctors that potentially should be
5 investigated for diversion?

6 MR. SNAPP: Object to form.

7 THE WITNESS: So we have that ADD
8 program, it continues to be on, but I'm
9 not aware of whether or not that
10 particular study was done.

11 BY MR. STEWART:

12 Q. The ADD program, you're talking
13 about the program that directs salespeople to
14 report people in certain instances, correct?

15 A. Correct.

16 (Document marked for
17 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-24.)

18 BY MR. STEWART:

19 Q. Turn to exhibit marked 24. Do
20 you see that it's an e-mail and the Bates stamp
21 number is -- ends in the number 2514?

22 A. I see that.

23 Q. And do you recognize this e-mail?

24 A. I need to look at it first.

1 (Witness reviews document.)

2 Q. And I'd suggest you look at the
3 second page marked 2515.

4 A. (Witness reviews document.)

5 I looked at that.

6 Q. Do you see there's an e-mail and
7 you're on it dated June 26, 2003?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Do you see it's entitled -- the
10 subject is "professional associations and the
11 potential FDA hearing"?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Do you see that the third
14 paragraph outlines a series of organizations
15 that Purdue is going to coordinate with in
16 preparation for an FDA hearing?

17 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

18 THE WITNESS: That appears to be
19 what that is, although I don't recall
20 this e-mail.

21 BY MR. STEWART:

22 Q. Okay. And do you see at the
23 bottom in paragraph marked 5 it says, "Pamela
24 will work with Richard Fanelli who was

1 identified as the 'holder of the information' to
2 ensure that he has all the names/contact
3 information for those who have been contacted."

4 Do you see that?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. Is that a role you would
7 typically play as kind of keep track of all of
8 these organizations that were enlisted in the
9 effort to communicate with the FDA?

10 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

11 THE WITNESS: No. My role,
12 although I don't recall this, so, as I
13 read it, my -- if there is an FDA
14 meeting and we were communicating with
15 FDA about such organizations, I would
16 provide that communication to FDA.

17 BY MR. STEWART:

18 Q. Okay. So would you be
19 interacting with groups like the American
20 Academy of Family Practice, the American Pain
21 Foundation and so forth?

22 A. Not at all.

23 Q. Who would do that?

24 A. Groups in our -- for instance,

1 Pam Bennett, I don't remember what group she was
2 in, health professional, like under Dr. Haddox.

3 Q. Is it -- is it typical for Purdue
4 when it's presented with an FDA hearing to
5 coordinate with a whole bunch of allied groups,
6 such as the groups listed, to enhance the
7 communications before the agency?

8 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

9 THE WITNESS: It depends on what
10 the purpose of the public meeting is.

11 BY MR. STEWART:

12 Q. So at times Purdue will reach out
13 to allies and get them to come and participate
14 as is being organized in this document that's
15 before you?

16 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

17 THE WITNESS: Again, there are
18 times when we would -- we have outside
19 experts talking. It depends on what
20 the -- for instance, in an advisory
21 committee, Rick Dart from RADARS, you
22 know, presented for us, those kinds of
23 things. And I don't know what the --
24 I'm reading the title. I don't know

1 what the potential FDA was -- I don't
2 recall this potential FDA hearing.

3 BY MR. STEWART:

4 Q. I notice the American Pain
5 Foundation is one of the groups listed.
6 Is that a group that you've --
7 that Purdue, in your experience, has coordinated
8 with more than once?

9 A. I don't know the details of our
10 coordination with the American Pain Foundation.

11 Q. We'd have to talk to somebody in
12 the group run by Dr. Haddox probably to figure
13 out what sort of coordination was done?

14 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

15 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure where
16 that resides, we've had changes
17 recently, but that type of function.

18 BY MR. STEWART:

19 Q. Dr. Haddox would head that up?

20 A. Had in the past, I'm not sure if
21 he does today.

22 (Document marked for
23 identification as Exhibit Fanelli-25.)

24

1 BY MR. STEWART:

2 Q. Turn to Exhibit 25.

3 Do you see it's an e-mail from
4 Beth Conley to you and your response dated
5 December 17th, 2009?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And do you see she's forwarding
8 comments to a document "Providing Relief
9 Preventing Abuse" brochure?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And she says, "Do you want to
12 weigh in since nonbranded," and you say "nope."

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And you didn't deal with
15 nonbranded items?

16 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

17 THE WITNESS: I have dealt with
18 nonbrand -- it depends on -- we talked
19 earlier, different projects have
20 different representations. I believe --
21 when did Beth -- I think Beth reported
22 to me at this time. We talked earlier,
23 as a supervisor, I might provide input.
24 I don't recall why I said no. Was it

1 because Beth had already done it? I
2 actually don't remember the details.

3 BY MR. STEWART:

4 Q. So it might have fallen within
5 your area, you just don't know why, in this
6 particular case, you didn't feel the need?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. Okay. Let me ask you, could you
9 turn to page 1609. Do you recognize the
10 document Providing Relief Preventing Abuse?

11 A. I do not.

12 Q. Do you see it says "Provided as
13 an educational service by Purdue"?

14 A. Where is that? Yeah, I see it on
15 the left side there.

16 Q. Would that still be a nonbranded
17 document if it has that indicator on it with the
18 company logo?

19 A. Definition, it's in the SOP, but
20 definition of brand, it's not exact, but
21 includes when a -- one of our prescription drugs
22 is mentioned in the piece.

23 Q. So the point is if it doesn't
24 mention OxyContin by name, but merely talks

1 about pain and opioids, it would be nonbranded?

2 A. In general, yes.

3 Q. Turn to page 1607.

4 Do you have a Material Review
5 Form like this for any document of this sort
6 that the company is putting through the approval
7 process?

8 A. Ask your question again.

9 Q. Well, do you see you have in
10 front of you a Material Review Form?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. What is the purpose of a
13 Material Review Form?

14 A. So it's to -- now we do this
15 electronically, but it has -- it gives
16 identification of the products, who is going to
17 use the products, the target audience, and then
18 there's the individuals who review it with their
19 determination of whether they sign off, for
20 instance.

21 Q. Okay. And this is a way you can
22 look at one of these forms and see who has
23 looked at this document and what they've done;
24 is that fair?

1 A. Yes, yes.

2 Q. So you see JDH down here has
3 reviewed it, that's Haddox?

4 A. Dr. Haddox, yes, I see that.

5 Q. Question about the document
6 itself, could you turn to page 1615?

7 A. Sorry, 16?

8 Q. 15.

9 A. 15.

10 Q. Do you see that?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Do you see there are all sorts of
13 handwritten notes on the document?

14 A. I see that.

15 Q. Is this typical where people --
16 the people that review the document will mark it
17 up, provide notes and develop the final
18 language?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. So any of these documents goes
21 through this formal process?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you see where someone has put
24 a bunch of Xs through the section that's

1 entitled "Pseudoaddiction"?

2 A. Yeah, I see that.

3 Q. Do you know why in 2009 someone
4 was putting a bunch of Xs through
5 pseudoaddiction?

6 A. I do not know.

7 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the
8 concept of pseudoaddiction?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Is it a scientifically recognized
11 concept?

12 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

13 THE WITNESS: I don't have an
14 answer for that.

15 BY MR. STEWART:

16 Q. Why not?

17 A. Pseudoaddiction is a -- was a
18 description of -- I think we talked about that
19 earlier too, of pharmacological and responses to
20 medicines, and it's -- I don't believe it's
21 being used today.

22 Q. All right. I mean, it's
23 something that Dr. Haddox came up with, right;
24 he's the father of that concept?

1 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

2 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of
3 that.

4 BY MR. STEWART:

5 Q. As far as you know, as head of
6 regulatory affairs for Purdue, there's never
7 been an actual scientific study supporting the
8 concept of pseudoaddiction, right?

9 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

10 THE WITNESS: I'm not aware of
11 whether or not there has been one.

12 BY MR. STEWART:

13 Q. You couldn't name one today, as
14 we're sitting here?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. And you're not aware, to make it
17 clear, that there has been such a study?

18 A. Correct.

19 Q. Could you turn to Exhibit 53,
20 which I think your counsel has pulled out of the
21 pile.

22 A. I have 53 here.

23 Q. We looked at this before.

24 Could you turn to page 106?

1 MR. SNAPP: I'm sorry, could we
2 wait one second. Just had to check his
3 insulin pump.

4 THE WITNESS: No problem, I did.
5 So if we don't finish in the next 15
6 minutes or so.

7 MR. STEWART: We're going to
8 finish in the next two minutes.

9 THE WITNESS: Okay. Sorry, so
10 where?

11 BY MR. STEWART:

12 Q. Turn to page that's marked Bates
13 number 3106.

14 Do you see this is one of a
15 number of pages in this document that lists a
16 study?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And this document, the overall
19 exhibit, is your routing letter and a study that
20 purports to gather and summarize a series of
21 studies on a particular topic, fair?

22 A. It's a review of those, yes.

23 Q. And I take it if a study is not
24 viewed as at least scientific, part of the

1 scientific inquiry, you wouldn't list it?

2 A. I wouldn't characterize it that
3 way, so this --

4 Q. How would you characterize it?

5 A. This is a review of the
6 literature in order to, you know, provide
7 information related to the topic. If you're
8 going to do a complete literature review would
9 include all the publications -- could include
10 all the publications with the description of the
11 limitations, plus and minuses. So I'm not
12 aware, and I'd have to read it more carefully to
13 understand, is this a complete literature
14 description or did they select and so forth.

15 Q. We'd have to look at the document
16 that would describe --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- how that worked?

19 Here's a question, turn to page
20 3121.

21 A. Got it.

22 Q. Do you see that on the last -- in
23 the first section numbered 5.1.1, if you look at
24 the last -- second to last sentence it says,

1 "Two studies highlighted below used randomized
2 patient populations and higher quality design
3 and methodologies compared to the other
4 published studies."

5 Do you see that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And so I think would you agree
8 it's referring to study 1, Adams and study 2,
9 Naliboff?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the
12 Adams study?

13 A. No, I am not.

14 Q. Do you know who Adams is?

15 A. No.

16 Q. If I wanted to know whether the
17 authors of the Adams study had received money
18 from Purdue, how would I do that?

19 A. I'm not aware -- there's the
20 Sunshine Act where, although it would depend on
21 if that person was a prescriber, so I'm not
22 aware of the details of how to find that out.

23 Q. Who at Purdue would have -- would
24 be the person to ask whether the author of a

1 particular study was on Purdue's payroll or had
2 received money or something of value from
3 Purdue?

4 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

5 THE WITNESS: That would be our
6 compliance department.

7 BY MR. STEWART:

8 Q. What human being today?

9 MR. SNAPP: Object to the form.

10 THE WITNESS: Maggie Feltz is the
11 head of that group.

12 MR. STEWART: I've got nothing
13 further. Thank you.

14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the
15 record?

16 BY MR. SNAPP:

17 Q. Dr. Fanelli, I just have a few
18 follow-up questions.

19 First of all, I just wanted to
20 clarify, I'm handing you what's been marked as
21 Deposition Exhibit 2, and I just want to clarify
22 for the record, does that Exhibit 2, which is
23 your CV, and I think you testified it's your
24 current CV, does it include your current

1 position?

2 A. No, it does not. I don't know if
3 I've updated it, but the only thing that's not
4 on here is my appointment in 2014 as the head of
5 regulatory affairs.

6 Q. Thank you.

7 You were asked some questions by
8 counsel earlier this afternoon about Purdue
9 Pharma and Rhodes Pharma, and you gave some
10 testimony about the boards of directors.

11 Do you know, sitting here today,
12 who is on the boards of directors of Rhodes and
13 Purdue Pharma?

14 A. I do not know the list.

15 MR. SNAPP: I have no further
16 questions.

17 MR. CRUEGER: Nothing here.

18 MR. SNAPP: Off the record.

19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Stand by.

20 Okay. The time is 5:23 p.m., going off
21 the record.

22 (Witness excused.)

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